Iraqi apology fails to soften US insistence on withdrawal from Kuwait

Saddam sends hostages home for Christmas

By MICHAEL THEODOLOU IN NICOSIA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein yesterday or-dered the release of all foreigners held in Iraq and Kuwait "with our apologies for all harm". He said that they had given great service to the cause of peace, but were no longer needed and could be home for Christmas.

The decision was welcomed by world leaders who nevertheless insisted that there could still be no negotiation on an unconditional Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait.

In letting the hostages go, President Saddam is complying with one of a dozen UN resolutions dealing with Kuwait passed since the invasion in August. The move therefore raised hopes of a peaceful solution to the Gulf confrontation, especially as it came the day after Iraq confirmed that it would attend direct talks with America. There were even reports from Baghdad that President Saddam might withdraw some of his troops from Kuwait.

President Bush, who was in Chile yesterday, said of the hostage release: "It would be welcome if true, but it will not change my thinking on his need to comply 100 per cent, without condition, to the UN

TNSIDE Melly on Sinatra



As Francis Albert Sinatra nears his 75th birthday, his timing, phrasing and showmanship remain intact. During a life of brawling and heavy drinking, he has given millions to charity. George Melly pays tribute to Old Blue Eyes, described by his biographers as the greatest popular singer of this century Page 19.

Salmonella rise A sharp rise in food poisoning attributed to salmonella is

fuelling calls for another enquiry into the link with eggs and poultry

Walesa leads

Lech Walesa led Stanislaw Tyminski in the latest opinion poll as a Polish presidential election campaign marked by insults and murky threats neared an end

Lawson denial

Nigel Lawson denies the suggestion by Sir Alan Walters that there may have been a conspiracy in 1989 to get rid of Margaret Thatcher Letters, page 15

Tunku dies

Tunku Abdul Rahman, the first prime minister of Malaya and Malaysia, died yesterday aged 87..... Obituary, page 16

Bond arrest

Alan Bond, the businessman, was arrested yesterday and charged with an offence under Western Australia's Securities - Industry Code, which carries a maximum penalty of five years in jail and a finePage 25

Durham joins

Durham has become the first county since Glamorgan in 1921 to win first-class status inPage 42 cricket .

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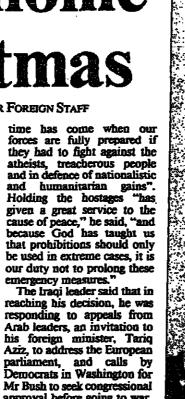
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resolutions. We've got to keep the pressure on. Saddam understands that his hostage policy has incurred the condemnation of the whole world. No single hostage should not have been taken in the first place."

Mr Bush reiterated that he would not negotiate over a withdrawal from Kuwait and denied that the United States was willing to back a UN resolution calling for an international conference on the Middle East to resolve the confrontation. "There are no secret negotiations, direct or indirect, with trag over this question. None, and there will be none. The question is the aggression against Kuwait. There will be and is no linkage to the West Bank." Baghdad had promised the

phased release of all "guests" over a three-month period beginning on Christmas Day, although hundreds have been freed recently after the personal intervention of politicians and elder statesmen. On Wednesday, more than three thousand Russians were told they were being allowed home after Moscow had threatened to use force against lraq if any of its nationals were harmed. Yesterday, Prebringing forward the release of nearly 1,200 Britons and 700 Americans - because Iraq no longer needed the "human shield" because its forces were sufficiently dug-in to counter any attack.

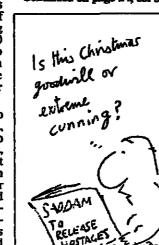
President Saddam wrote to the the Iraqi parliament, which is expected today to rubber stamp the decision, urging it "to adopt your just decision to lift the travel ban on all foreigners with our apologies for all harm and forgiveness from God Almighty". Iraq's defensive options had been limited and its forces had not completed mobilisation, but now



approval before going to war. 'All these appeals have encouraged us to respond to the positive transformations which will have a great influence on Western public opinion, particularly in America, to liquidate the evil attempts by the warmongers." Latif Nassif al-Jassem, the Iraqi information minister, insisted later that the decision was not a sign of weakness, saying: "He who is afraid does not let the hostages out."

dawned on President Saddam that the human shield tactic had backfired, increasing American resolve to use the military option. On Wednesday, the secretary of state, James Baker, told the House of Representatives in Washington: "If force must be used, massively and decisively."

News of the release was greeted with cautious op-timism around the world. Oil prices tumbled back to pre-



America not ready to back peace conference

terday that it was not ready to that the controversy sursupport a Middle East peace rounding the proposed resoluconference because it would appear to link the Arab-Israeli conflict with the Iraqi occupa- of it. But others said that tion of Kuwait.

James Baker, the secretary of state, told the House of Representatives foreign affairs committee: "We are not now recommending that an international conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict be held, nor are we supporting a resolution in the security council that would seek to convene such a conference."

An American official said no decision had been made on how the United States would council resolution endorsing a Middle East peace conference. council.

THE United States said yes- Some Western diplomats said tion would make it difficult for America to vote in favour pressure to maintain its coalition with moderate Arab nations against Iraq might persuade the United States to abstain or even support the

The proposal on the Middle East conference had emerged from talks in New York on Wednesday between the American ambassador to the United Nations, Thomas Pickering, and his Malaysian counterpart, Ismail Razali, the co-ordinator of the Palestine vote on a proposed security Liberation Organisation's supporters on the security

30 years

By STEWART TENDLER

TWO IRA men, arrested as they went to collect an arms and explosives cache hidden at a remote Welsh coastal site, were yesterday condemned as "merciless men intent on carnage" as an Old Bailey judge sentenced them each to

30 years imprisonment. Liam O'Dhibhir and Damien McComb, both 28, are suspected of taking part in the Deal barracks bombing last year in which 11 servicemen died. Police believe they were about to launch a Christmas campaign using the cache of nearly 100lb of Semtex and devices for 18 bombs when a surveillance operation caught

them last December. Armed police teams from Dyfed-Powis police and Scotland Yard lay hidden watching the cache site after its accidental discovery. The op-eration was kept secret for weeks by local people and

Yesterday the Yard issued a warning that the IRA could begin a campaign in the next few weeks. During the day officers from the Yard and the RUC flew to Belgium where detectives are questioning three Irish men arrested with arms in an Antwerp house.

IRA men Heseltine offer jailed for wing support wins support

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

Heseltine, the environment secretary, to take part in his review of the poll tax.

Sir Jack Layden, Labour chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities. said his group would "play a major role" in the review although he urged Mr Heseltine to abandon capping while the enquiry went ahead. Peter Wright, leader of the Labour group on the Conservative-controlled Association of District Councils, said he too would co-operate with Mr

Heseltine's review. The leaders' decision highlights the difficulties caused to Labour by Mr Heseltine's offer of talks. On Wednesday, Bryan Gould, Labour's environment spokesman, rejected the offer unless the government accepted in advance that the poll tax should

be abolished. David Blunkett, the local government spokesman, said abolition of last night: "We do not find existing ti this in the least embarrassing. government. Local authority associations have a statutory duty to talk to

The environment secretary simple question which we million.

LABOUR local authority intend to repeat - will he leaders have accepted the abolish the poll tax, yes or no?

invitation from Michael If he answers in the affirmative and expresses his willingness to establish a modem and fair rating system then

serious talks can begin." Mr Heseltine's views on the future shape of local government, which his review will examine alongside the poll tax, have wider support in local government than had been thought, according to a

new survey.

A poll of 243 district and county council leaders found that more than a fifth supported Mr Heseltine's plan to introduce directly elected mayors as a means of reducing party political influence in councils. A similar proportion also endorsed the idea of reducing the number of

councillors. The survey, carried out jointly by the Local Government Chronicle and recruitment consultants SPA, also noted growing support for the abolition of one of the two existing tiers of local

As it was being published the Association of District Councils launched the government's review of the poll tax cannot go on hiding behind with a plan for the abolition of

the smokescreen of promising county councils which it said talks. He will never escape the could save more than £100

Europe farm deal unlocks door to Gatt pact

From MICHAEL BINYON AND PETER GUILFORD

eleventh-hour breakthrough was within sight yesterday evening in the fraught world trade talks, with a sudden breaking of the fourday deadlock on agriculture.

"The impasse has been broken," said Mats Helstrom, the Swedish farm minister steering the agriculture talks. The European Community agreed for the first time to make specific cuts in export subsidies and open its markets wider to outsiders - key demands of the Americans and other powerful farm exporting nations.

This commitment, made after the deadline had been twice extended and under the threat of a walk-out by Carla Hills, the American Trade Representative, immediately unlocked the way to virtual agreement in the four other pivotal sectors: trade in services, textiles, copyright and investment and procedures for setting rules of trade.

These could be wrapped up within a day," said Peter Lilley, Britain's trade secretary. But a spokesman for the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) said the talks were still a long way from success.

After four days of threats and recriminations, time is now very short for agreement. Farm mininsters from all leading Gatt groups met again last night. At 11 am this morning the Uruguayan foreign minister chairing the round will decide whether the conference can still be salvaged. It is due to end this evening, but officials said it could run on into the weekend if things looked promising enough.

The breakthrough came after a day of mounting tension, as the European Community fought to prevent suspension of the talks. EC ministers bitterly attacked America for attempting to dictate terms while refusing to make any movement until the farm row was settled. "This is no way for the largest trading power in the world to be addressed by the second largest," John Gummer, Britain's agriculture secretary, said. The US "should take a leaf out of the European book" and

learn to negotiate properly. EC ministers, meeting in another emergency session yesterday morning, gave the Commission negotiators a broad framework to strike a

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Diane Keaton is an actress who in her private life is very much a loner. How does that approach play, on Hollywood's gregarious stage?

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Hanson, the flush predator, is in a hurry



Hanson: his corporate pockets are bulging

By DAVID BREWERTON

FORGET the recession, cold Christmas in the high streets, soaring unemploy-ment and inflation: the takeover king, Lord Hanson, has £6.9 billion cash in his corporate pocket, and no company in the world is safe.

His lordship is determined to how out with a bang that will echo around the financial centres of the world for a generation, and he has been piling up the resources of Hanson plc, his master company, in readiness.

When the company accountants added up the books at the end of September, they found a cash pile of £6.9 billion - enough, had Hanson been so minded, to have purchased every share in all the electricity companies currently being privatised, and still leave some change. Times are just perfect for Hanson plc, which yesterday reported

profits for the year to September 30 of the super-rich with a personal fortune £1.28 billion, equivalent to more than £3.5 million per day. Share markets are ragged and industry is under pressure. For Hanson, recession is an anagram of opportunity. There is no better time to buy than near the bottom.

With £6,878 million in the bank, and top-grade credit ratings the world over. Hanson is in a position to make the world's biggest takeover bid. Hanson has taken the bankers' money and put it on hold. Sooner rather than later, the City thinks, his cash will go on the offensive.

Scarcely a company in Britain would be too big for Hanson. The company could afford British Gas, and at a pinch perhaps even BP, provided the banks were prepared to "leverage" the deal. Remember the "be part of it" campaign? Hanson could just about be all of it. Although Lord Hanson rates among

estimated at around £100 million, this is petty cash compared to the funds be controls through the firm. Time, however, is not quite so much

on the side of Baron Hanson of Edgerton in the County of West Yorkshire. He is coming up to his 69th birthday next month, which leaves just a year before he is expected to retire. If he is to see the next takeover through to conclusion, he will have to move soon. In the boardrooms of Britain and

America, they will drink a toast to the final victim when Hanson fires the opening shots. And they will crack a crate or two when the world's most accomplished corporate predator eventually hangs up his cheque book and

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Iraq hostage deal may bring 5p cut in price of petrol

started on August 2, but

pump prices if a peace deal

Shell's record 239.6p at the

start of October to an average

Street spending was under-lined yesterday as figures

showed an 18.02 per cent drop

car manufacturers face sub-

over last year's record figure of

- 12.11 per cent below last

117,499 compared with

1989, according to figures

ety of Motor Manufacturers

Worst affected is Ford, Brit-

and Traders (SMMT).

November sales were

year's figures.

Prices have fallen 31p from

PETROL prices could fall by down to the level they stood at cline by more than 97,000 and five pence a gallon after news when the Gulf confrontation of the possible release of hostages brought the cost of analysts believe another five bulk oil supplies to its lowest to 10p could be cut from level since the invasion of

last night for calm to return to world markets before making

a decision on pump prices.

Shell, which has 2,800 filling stations, said: "We will The recession in High stick to our promise to have prices at the pumps follow the rise and fall on spot markets. The situation is very volatile in new car sales. at the moment as markets react to what is going on, but highest of the year and means we will act as soon as the scene has clarified, if new oil prices stantial reductions in sales warrant cuts at the pumps."

BP said: "Prices have fallen to levels we saw before the 11 months were 1.946 million Gulf crisis blew up. If this situation persists, prices will

Oil prices fell immediately to about \$25 a barrel and bulk petrol to \$250 a tonne, the lowest since July, on news that Saddam Hussein had said he was prepared to release hostages being held in Kuwait and

Petrol prices are already which has seen its sales de-

Agents

its market share fall from 26.4 per cent to 25 per cent so far are on the move. Escort range, a best seller for

month the car was fourth in the league table of top sellers, with 7,404 sold. That is well down on September's total of 9,632 Escorts sold, before the facelified model, which cost £1 billion to develop, was

eight years, has failed to make

make a similar impact. Last

Importers took 54 per cent of the market compared with 56.5 per cent in November 1989. Their share for the first 11 months of this year is 56.9 per cent, slightly below the 57 per cent recorded for January-

November 1989. The November 1990 top 10 I. Ford Fiesta (9,669 sold);

Vauxhall Cavalier (9,625) 3. Ford Sierra (8,068); 4. Ford Escort (7,404): 5. Vauxhall Astra (6,397); 6. Rover 200 (4,582); 7. Ford Orion (3,878); issued yesterday by the Soci-Peugeot 205 (3,526); 9 ain's largest car company, Rover Metro (3,417); 10.

cheered by rumours of move

THE charms of leafy Dulwich are not, apparently, all they are cracked up to be. One of the few cheery words of gossip in the otherwise gloomy business of estate agency is that the Thatchers

There have been at least two confirmed sightings recently of Denis inspecting properties in other parts of town. He was seen not long ago studying the ambience of Prince Albert Road, between Regent's Park and Primrose Hill, where snips are to be more recently at a refurbished crescent at St Katharine's Dock, where prices start at £725,000.

Property sources dismiss ed reports that the Thatchers had shown interest in the house at no 35 Tite Street, Chelsea, being offered at £7.5 million. Built on the site of Whistler's studio, it dates from 1965 and offers five reception rooms, a master bedroom suite and five further bedrooms.

Mrs Thatcher is known to like Chelsea and may regret selling her Flood Street house for £300,000 in 1985



Together again: Ronald Reagan kissing Margaret Thatcher as they met for tea in a London hotel yesterday

to buy the Barratt mock-Georgian pile in Dulwich for £400,000, now worth an estimated £600,000. Mr Thatcher may be less keen; Chelsea is not over-endowed with golf courses, while the Dulwich home overlooks one.

One speculative theory was that an anonymous wellwisher, possibly a businessman who had prospered under Thatcherism, was so grateful for her unwavering adherence to market economics that he was prepared to pay for any house she wanted, just as an admirer bought Chartwell for Churchill. There was, however, no evidence of any such

Tea-time memories

WHEN they planned their European trip, Ronald and Nancy Reagan did not expect to be entertaining Margaret Thatcher to afternoon tea in Claridge's Hotel yes-terday; the itinerary definitely said Downing Street. But that was before history sent the former president's ally to join him in retirement.

The Reagans, on a fiveday visit to Britain, met just about everybody who was anybody yesterday, beginning with cocktails at Clarence House with the Queen Mother, a lady whose many distinctions include the pouring of generous measures. They moved directly to Buckingham Palace for a private lunch with her most disrupted by the late arrival of her son-in-law,

The Duke of Edinburgh became fog-bound on his return from the Far East and Australia, and arrived at the table in the nick of time.

Before the day was ended the Reagans got to Downing Street, to be received by John Major, the one important figure with whom they could not exchange pleasantries about the last time they met.

Celebrity return for Tory choice

JOHN Taylor, the Tory answers to questions he prospective parliamentary plainly tired of hearing. No candidate for Cheltenham, re- bore Mr Galbraith no anii turned to the constituency yesterday for the first time since he was described as a bloody nigger" by a local party member.

Cheltenham people stood in the street open-mouthed as Mr Taylor strode from a charity lunch at the Queen's hotel to the Conservative England/West Indies Test, Association headquarters, via saying he did not wish to the town hall. There were not trivialise race relations in that staring at Mr Taylor, however. as taken by the pack of press photographers and television cameramen who followed Mr Taylor.

Some people waited pa-tiently to shake Mr Taylor by the hand and wish him well. but they could not penetrate the pack until he had reached the town hall.

David Patterson, a GCHQ employee, and his wife Sheila, took a short break from decorating to meet Mr Taylor. "It's the best thing that's happened to Cheltenham for years," Mr Patterson said.

Doris Mustoe, a housewife and Margaret Justin, an NHS domestic supervisor, waited patiently to shake Mr Taylor by the hand. "He seemed pleasant enough," they said. They did not believe his colour would prevent him retaining the seat for the Tories. He'll get in." Mrs Justin said. Cheltenham is a Conservative place but I don't believe his colour makes any difference." Mr Taylor repeated

Levin piece on Welsh criticised

GWYNEDD county council yesterday condemned an article about the Welsh language by Bernard Levin in *The Times* last August (Robin Young writes).

A motion proposed by Handel Morgan, a retired head teacher, was passed by a majority vote. The resolution expressed "the strongest possible objection to the article". which was described as "factually incorrect, prejudiced in its attitude, erroneous in its tenets and rancorous in its

Mr Levin's article, headed A pantomime dragon, but its renorm will surely kill, said that four fifths of the population of Wales showed no sign of wanting to speak Welsh, and attacked the extremism of the organisation Meibion Glyndwr ("Sons of Glendower") as modelled on the

Simon Jenkins, editor of The Times and a Weishman said last night: "Some members of Gwynedd council believe that I should have

censored a Times columnist. "They completely ignore the fact that The Times has in the past six months published a number of editorials fiercely defending the Welsh language and the need to encourage its

plainly tired of hearing: No, he bore Mr Galbraith no animos ity; yes, he was confident of winning and was moving into the constituency. Claims that Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, had pressured the local party into adopting him

he described as "codswallop". He refused to say whom he would support in an way. He did have some advice for the England captain, he ever: "Stick in there," he said, "like I'm doing."

Looting fear kept jewel find secret

of the most important finds of Anglo Saxon jewellery this century has been suppre deliberately for fear of looters in the treasure site (Simon

The accidental discovery of jewellery on the Boss Hall industrial estate in Ipswich was made in May but kept secret until this week. Just 25 miles away, the lcklingham Bronzes, a collection of Romano-British pieces, were stolen from farmland by thieve using metal detectors

Museum experts believe that the latest hoard, including a rare cloisonné brooch encrusted with garnets, is sec-ond only to the Sutton Hoo burial ship finds made nine miles from Ipswich in 1939. The Boss Hall find was made after archaeologists icc ognised the outlines of 22 graves. In a two-day excava-

Archaeologists and British

ing the treasure was lifted out Museum for examination Keith Wade, of the Suffolk County Archaeological Unit, said the treasure dated from the 7th century and belonged to minor gentry.

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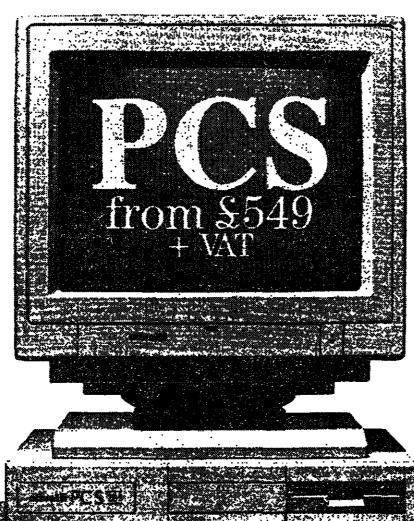
Doctors accused

Two doctors used their patients' confidential records to set up a mail-shot business that included promotion for an undertakers, the professional conduct committee of the General Medical Council was told yesterday. Dr and Dr Tim Timberlake, aged 33, who run a practice in Wimborne, Dorset, deny seri-ous professional misconduct

The hearing continues today. Hatton meeting

A meeting organised yesterday by Derek Hatton, former dep uty leader of Liverpool city council, to meet his creditors after the collapse of Settleside, his public relations and property development company was attended only by the Inland Revenue. The company went into liquidation after police investigations. Mi Hatton said £17,000 was owed to the taxman and other liabilities amounted to £4,000

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TWO IRA terrorists caught nage". Neither was charged would have been a Christmas

Mr Justice Simon Brown told Liam O'Dhuibhir and barracks at Deal, Kent, killing 11 bandsmen. Damien McComb that they

year blew up a Royal Marine

The men, both aged 28, were "ruthless, dangerous, were caught on the eve of merciless men intent on car-initiating what police suspect

A 42-day watch that netted top police targets

THE drive from Luton to paign on the mainland. The southwest Wales had been two men spent much of their long. None the less, the two time based in the Luton area. men got to work as soon as they reached the cliffs above St Bride's Bay well after dark trawler or small boat crossed on a cold December night last from the Irish Republic to year (Stewart Tendler writes). land a substantial cache of They would have to drive explosives, arms and ammu-back immediately if a new nition close to Newgale in attack was to be carried out Dyfed. McComb and before Christmas.

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digging while Liam the cliffs above St Bride's Bay.

O'Dhuibhir scanned the darkPolice believe the first target ness with a shotgun at the for that cache was the Royal ready. The last consignment Marine barracks at Deal had been removed from its hiding place and the two were getting ready to leave when a searchlight silhouetted them.

There was a shout: "Armed police, stand still". The man with the shotgun raised it and somewhere in the darkness a police gun cracked out a single shot. O'Dhuibhir threw down his weapon. After a secret 42day watch on one of the IRA's key arms dumps police had captured two members of the Kent, bombed on September active service units stalking 22 when 11 bandsmen died. the mainland.

Yard's anti-terrorist branch unit that went to ground in the had established that the two ensuing manhunt. men, sentenced yesterday at In October a cache of the Central Criminal Court, devices with 50th of Semtex held impeccable IRA credentials. McComb, brought up in stead, north London. In Belfast, is the brother of John November the IRA mounted McComb, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for IRA activities involving Gerard Tuite, a top IRA activist on

the mainland in the late 1970s. Dublin engineer, was drawn to the IRA as a student involved in anti-drugs activity in Dub- two National Trust wardens lin. He was an outstanding and a birdwatcher had acundergraduate at University cidentally stumbled on their turn up for his final examinations. He enrolled instead for substitute and put replica gans a business studies course in in place of the arsenal of ten Dublin, which he was attending when he was arrested in sworn to secrecy as Welsh and March 1984 during a botched kidnap carried out by an active service unit. Police suspect that O'Dhuibhir was sentenced to McComb and O'Dhuibhir five years and sent to

Portlaoise jail. gathered for an autumn cam-ments for car bombs.

Some time in the late

summer detectives believe a O'Dhuibhir were in the party Damien McComb did the that hid the consignment on

Police believe the first target



Within days Scotland suspected of being part of the

was found hidden in Hamptwo car bomb attacks on military targets seriously wounding a sergeant in Colchester, Essex. As Christmas drew near the two men went back to Wales for supplies.

What they did not know was that in October last year 100lb of Semtex with a safe Yard officers began a 24-hour vigil at the site.

were planning to launch an attack within 24 hours of their O'Dhuibhir returned to the IRA on his release from jail in 1988. He is thought to have arrived in Britain with McComb in about March last year as active service units gathered for an autumn campater. At the carbonness of their arrival at St Bride's Bay on December 21. When police moved in, they discovered that McComb already had selected from the cache four large magnets, key requirements for car bombs.

uncovering an arms cache at a with a specific IRA attack, but bombing campaign. The two, remote Welsh beauty spot Scotland Yard detectives belt who denied conspiring to were each jailed for 30 years ieve that they were part of the cause explosions, showed no yesterday by a judge at the Old active service unit that last emotion as the jury returned its verdict after 90 minutes. As they went to the cells both gave clenched-fist salutes and shouted: "Victory to the

> They were discovered almost a year ago near Newgale in Dyfed as they dug up part of a big cache including Semtex nades and material for 18 bombs. Police had been watching the spot for over a month after the cache was discovered accidentally.

In a flat used by the men in Luton detectives later found lists of targets including members of the cabinet, details of senior servicemen, and maps showing military bases. Police also found four false passports and two copies of Home

Office security passes. Yesterday the judge told the two men: "There is no doubt whatever you are a pair of IRA land which would have wreaked death and destruction, very probably singling out men of public service, worth and honour as your

Had you succeeded, you would have left untold loss and suffering in your wake. Only a benign fate intervened stopped you in your tracks." The aspiration to have a united Ireland was legitimate, he said . "But that aspiration is perverted when on resort to violence".

He went on: "What you did stains the fair name of Ireland and arouses here much undeserved suspicion towards countless of your decent fellow countrymen." The judge said that he was making no distinction between the two, but was satisfied that O'Dhuibhir was the leader of the "unit" and the more

experienced terrorist. During the trial the prosecution told the court that police had recovered three rifles, a shotgun, six handguns, a large amount of ammunition, Semtex explosive, five Russianmade hand-prenades, and bomb circuitry that included long-delay timers and detonators. Enough sophisticated equipment was found to construct several car bombs or a

bombs.

McComb, who described himself as an Irish nationalist opposed to violence, was the only one of the two to give evidence in the witness box.

He said that they had been duped into believing that they were being sent to Britain to collect a van to be used in Ireland for the welfare of prisoners' families. Only when they arrived on the mainland had they discovered the true nature of their mission, which was to take the equipment back to Ireland for repair, he said.





Thwarted terrorists: O'Dhuibhir (left) and McComb and part of their cache of explosives, weapons and bomb-making equipment (below), which police caught them succeering in a hollow at a remote beauty spot in Newgale, Dyfed (bottom)



Ripper's wife denies using link for gain

By Paul Wilkinson

SONIA Sutcliffe, the wife of the Yorkshire Ripper, was yesterday accused of using her relationship to the mass murderer to "court" the press for financial gain.

Counsel for the News of the World, which she is suing in the High Court for libel, pressed her on why she did not divorce her husband Peter, convicted in 1981 of the murder of 13 women.

"Is it not desperately important to publicly divorce ourself from this man by law; this man who has perpetrated such atrocious crimes?" asked George Carman, QC. "While you remain his wife, you on occasions use that position with the press." She replied: "I do not use it."

Mrs Sutcliffe, aged 40, of Heaton, West Yorkshire, is suing the newspaper over an article alleging that she had a affair with George Papoutsis, a Greek who allegedly looks like her husband, and did not

tell him about her husband. Mrs Sutcliffe claims that the newspaper report was libellous because it meant she deceived Mr Papoutsis by keeping the existence of her husband secret. She says she was under no obligation to tell him. Mrs Sutcliffe denied Mr Carman's suggestions that her real complaint was that a journalist friend, Barbara Jones, had "betrayed" her.

Later Mrs Sutcliffe was cross-examined by Miss lones, who has been named by the News of the World as a third party in the action, enabling it to seek damages from her if the case goes against it. Miss Jones maintained that their relationship had always been professional.

Jail 'was told boy might kill himself'

By QUENTIN COWDRY HOME AFFAIRS

CORRESPONDENT STAFF at Swansea jail were told that a schoolboy, who was later found hanging in his cell, was a suicide risk as soon as he

Joseph Dowdall, a social worker, said he told prison officers his fears about Phillip Knight, aged 15, on the day was remanded on theft charges. Police had also been informed that he was a suicide risk. Mr Dowdall told Swansea and Gower coroner's court: "I spoke to the officer in charge and informed him of the possibility that Phillip might take his own life. To my

tion was taken." He told the coroner that the officer had not wanted to be "too alarmist", even though the boy had previously cut one of his wrists and had made 11 attempts to escape from chil-

Vincent Williams, a prisor officer, denied that staff at Swansea had received a warning. He believed the boy might attempt to injure himself, but he did not think he was a prison file described him as being "no risk at this time".

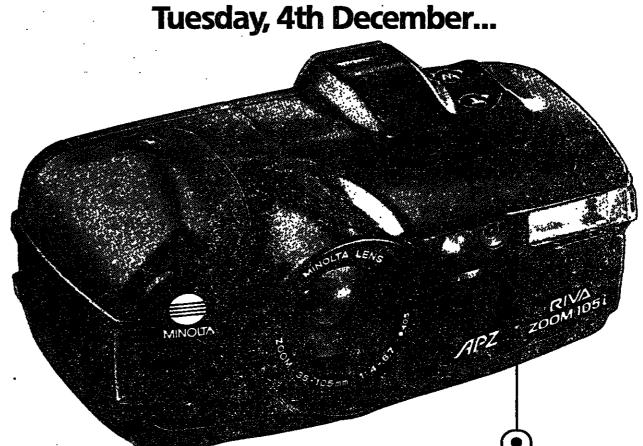
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The teenager, from Haver-fordwest, Dyfed, was discovered dead on July 13 this year. He was remanded in custody in June. His death prompted ministers to speed up attempts to reduce sharply the number of juveniles remanded to adult

About 1,600 juveniles are held in adult jails while they await trial each year, but ministers believe many could be held safely in council-run secure units. There are no such units in Wales.

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Police blame long hours and faulty computers

POLICE officers in Derbyshire yesterday supported the report that said bureaucratic controls imposed by the Labour-controlled county council had brought the force to the brink of inefficiency.

Officers complained of under-staffing, long hours, and Dickensian book-keeping because of poor technology and a computer system prone to failure. The report on the force by

Geoffrey Dear, inspector of constabulary for the Mid-lands, was described by Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, as among the worst on any police force. He said the county council and police authority had substantial resources to spend on policing. The council claimed that poor Home Office funding and the government's poll-lax cap on the county were the cause of conditions in the force.

Mr Dear said the poor state of police buildings in Derbyshire was extraordinary and complained that control of the force's £60 million budget was not de-volved to the chief constable, but retained by the

Officers and staff in the force's control room were yesterday said to have recently sent a petition to the chief constable complaining about the poor state of the computer system, which is awaiting a £23 million

A detective said: "No won-der everyone is cheesed off." Roger Summers, head of the force scientific support unit, has no deputy and is on

What is wrong with Derbyshire police, said to be on "the brink of inefficiency"? Craig Seton investigates

call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He said: "We are already doing more work than the national average and have a higher case load than any other force of our size. It is fortunate our officers are skilled, dedicated and take a pride in what they

He said that an extra six scenes-of-crime officers were needed to complement the present staff of 26. One scenes-of-crime officer said yesterday: "On average you are supposed to do something like 600 jobs per man a year maximum. We do about 850."

The Derbyshire police fingerprint bureau is experiencing a staffing shortage. It should have nine staff, but has six. Detectives in the force also complained about conditions and hours and low morale. One CID officer said: "We're working in buildings where the plaster is falling off the walls. The telephone system is totally inadequate and the number of lines has been reduced to save money. You have to queue for a telephone. Our overtime has also been cut."

One inspector claimed

that John Newing, the chief constable, should have publicly supported the inspectorate's conclusions about the state of the force. The inspector said: "It is widely felt he missed a golden opportunity. He had the chance to show Derbyshire county council in its true colours. I suppose when all this dies down, he still has to work with them."

The county council has blamed the cap on its community charge rate for the condition of the force. Of £40 million cut from the county budget, £2 million is being cut from the £60 million police budget. Bob Jones, chairman of the police committee, said that the Peartree section station. an aging prefabricated building near Derby football ground, would probably cost £750,000 to replace and would have taken up almost all of last year's capital allocation from the Home Office. He said that the county had asked for £2 million and received

£800,000. This year the force is asking for £5 million, more than £2 million of which would be spent on a new command and control computer system. He said: "We

do not expect to get it all."

Alan Smith, the former Derbyshire chief constable, who retired this year, said last night: "I agree with the report. It has no surprises. It is merely an amalgam of other reports submitted more confidentially over the

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Eggs enquiry call as salmonella poison cases rise

nella is fuelling calls for another parliamentary en-

Figures released by the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre show that up to November 23 are 18 per cent higher than in the same period last year. The PT4 strain, mainly associated with hoped, and we have arranged

nigher.

The increases have been even more marked in the past six weeks of that period, with salmonella enteritidis up by 51 per cent on last year. according to meet officials of the PHIS in January to discuss the statistics. If we feel it is necessary, we will consider holding another enquiry."

Under a policy introduced in March last year. agriculture vice (PHLS).

These figures reinforce our demands for another public enquiry to re-examine all the dent environmental health exevidence to see what the government's slaughter policy evidence to see what the government's slaughter policy has achieved and whether it is failure of the government's worth going on with it," Keith control programme. It has Pulman, secretary of the imposed the most dracomian

in this country and food

poisoning is still rising?"

Jerry Wiggin, the Tory chairman of the Commons select committee on culture, said: "This is a very difficult area. There are question marks over the govern-

51 per cent and PT4 up by 61 per cent on last year, according to the figures collected by the centre, which is part of the Public Health Laboratory Service (PHLS). salmonella infection has been

Richard North, an indepen-

A SHARP rise in food poisoning incidents attributed to the most virulent strain of salmonella is fuelling calls for have slaughtered the last layer an unabated series of

Egg consumption is still about 10 per cent below what it was before December 1988, junior health minister, claimed that most egg produc-tion was infected with salmonella, while poultry meat consumption is rising.

There is no slaughter policy for broiler poultry flocks even though the level of salmonella contamination in such flocks is put as high as 60 per cent. Inadequate cooking of chicken, or cross-contamination in the kitchen during food preparation, might be one reason for the continuing rise in salmonella enteritidis, egg

industry sources believe.

John Roberts, poultry adviser to the National Farmers'
Union, said: "We think the government is right to continue compulsory testing of layer flocks for salmonella, but we would like to see more trials on antibiotic treatment of infected flocks as an alter-



Episcopal trio: the Archbishop of Canter-bury, Dr Robert Runcie, with (left) the Right Rev Clive Handford, bishop suffragan of Warwick, and the Right Rev John Oliver, bishop of Hereford, after their consecration yesterday at Westminster Abbey. The new bishop of Warwick, who is aged 53, has spent much of his ministry in the Middle East. After national service with the RAF in Jordan and Iraq, he returned to Baghdad only to be forced to leave for Iran by the Six

He stayed for six years as Anglican chaplain to Lebanon and Syria. Bishop Oliver, aged 55, formerly priest in charge of West Stafford with Frome Billet, diocese of Salisbury, said that the closer involvement of lay people in church life was among his priorities. "I am very thrilled about this appointment. I know and love the diocese of Hereford already. My wife and I have a cottage on the borders of Herefordshire and we spent the first day of our honeymoon having tea in the deanery."

Religious syllabus dispute settled

By RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS REPORTER

A NEW religious education syllabus for children in the North-East has been agreed after parents withdrew their objections. The compromise comes in a climate of increasing concern about religious

education.

The draft syllabus for schools in Newcastle upon Tyne had attracted strong protest from parents, who said that it was a "multi-faith mish-mash" that required only one term to be spent on teaching. Christianity in teaching Christianity in secondary school.

Church leaders and parents in the city feared that the syllabus played down the importance of the Bible and placed too great a reliance on the thematic approach to the teaching of religions.

A local parent-teacher group, Christians and Tyneside Schools, said that the draft would be illegal if will vote next month on the 15 agreed as a final version per cent pay package put to because it did not reflect their negotiators yesterday. The offer, which will be ditions, as required by the recommended by the two

withdrew their opposition lump sum of £500 and the after changes to the proposed addition of one increment in syllabus, which has now been the new financial year when Under the draft syllabus,

Newcastle secondary school pupils needed to study two aspects only of Christianity in the ballots are known, in midtheir entire school careers; the | January, David Triesman, the Anostles' Creed and one of the chief negotiator for the major events in the life of Jes- unions, said. us. Newcastle has now decided that the Bible should be "a major resource at every stage".

Boy Downer, the city's director of education, said that the syllabus went through several drafts before the final version was agreed. "I am delighted with the way it has gone. I have a personal interest in religious education because I am a church-goer. I never had a confrontation with the people concerned; it was a good-natured discussion of issues. It was never the intention to erode distinctions between various religions."

OU plans expansion into Euro capitals

HIGHER EDUCATION

PLANS to double the numb of Open University (OU) students by setting up centres in European Community cap. itals are being formulated by John Daniel, the university's new vice-chancellor. Fees would rise faster than inflation to finance the expansion.

The scheme is also intended to cut the waiting list for places and reduce the university's dependence on government funds. Dr Daniel says in today's edition of The Time Higher Education Supplement: "The problem that bothers me most is the number of people we have had to turn away this year. The attitude seems to be that we are being fair if we take people on a first come first served basis, and it's the govern-ment's fault if there's a waiting

"I say that's rubbish. We bave to do something about it, and that almost certainly means increasing fees." About 20,000 people are on the waiting list this year. The university has almost 200,000 students. A doubting of the undergraduate programme alone would take that figure to more than 270,000.

Dr Daniel hopes to expand the range of scholarships and bursaries to ensure continued access for low-income groups, Undergraduate fees already stand at £1,744, with summer schools being an additional

Andrew Smith, Labour's higher education spokesman, said that the prospect of higher fees would cause great apprehension. "If the Open University wants to expand into the whole community, it needs to look realistically at what people can afford."

courses to English speakers in Belgium and Luxembourg for added a study centre in The Hague. Dr Daniel's scheme would add centres elsewhere in the Community, and also build on growing links with eastern Europe.

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come into force. Industrial action has been suspended until the result of



Dr Daniel: increase in student fees likely

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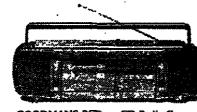
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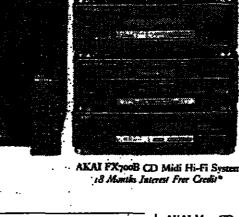
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introduced a new tenth move, a paradoxical advance with his knight. This move had never been played in grandmaster practice, but was mentioned by M P. Meinsohn in his local chess column in the Lyons paper Le Progres. Karpov had clearly noticed

Tireless Karpov in crushing triumph

By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT ANATOLY Karpov, the chal- those comments, but judging

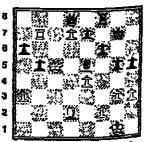
lenger, bounced back from by the half-hour to reply defeat in the marathon six-Kasparov had overlooked teenth game of the world chess them completely. championship in Lyons, As a result of that new move France, to level the scores with Karpov moved into the mida crushing victory in the seventeenth. Gary Kasparov, dle game with his pawn centre impervious to any black the champion, resigned on the counterplay. For the final 14 fortieth move. moves Kasparov could only

Those who expected that sit and watch as Karpov Karpov would be physically massed his pieces. and mentally exhausted by the 102-move earlier game were proved wrong. His play was a textbook model of strategy, redolent of his very best days. Kasparov, however, is coming under increasing criticism from his supporters for his stubborn adherence to the Grunfeld Defence. He has used it four times in this match, obtaining a bad pos-

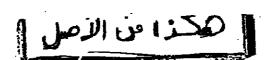
ition each time. Many grandmasters believe that he has played it too often. In so many of Kasparov's defeats by Karpov, as here, the white pawn centre eventually advances to decisive effect, leading to the creation of a mighty passed pawn in the d file. Kasparov has lost more games to Karpov with the Gunfeld Desence than with

any other opening Karpov's chances in game
17 looked promising when he

The score is level again at 81/2 points each with seven games to play.



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Scholey defends Scottish closure

By Sheila Gunn Political reporter

SIR Robert Scholey, the British Steel chairman, yesterday strongly defended plans to close Ravenscraig's hot strip mill in Motherwell with the loss of 770 jobs and ruled out its sale to another operator.

He told MPs that he thought that the mill's assets would be sold for scrap. He refused to rule out the closure of other parts of the Ravenscraig complex which trade unionists believe will be at risk without the hot strip mill.

Called before the Commons trade and industry committee Sir Robert, who admitted under pressure that he had not visited Ravenscraig since 1985, insisted that British Steel must cut costs because of weak market conditions. The company could make better profits operating two rather than three hot strip mills, but he could not disclose the profit position at Ravenscraig.

The committee is to question the new Scottish secretary, Ian Lang, next week about the closure plans and the prospects for Scotland's steel industry.

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Where loyalty comes first, principle second

CHIEF POLITICAL

MICHAEL Jopling, chief whip in the first Thatcher government, had a credo with which few who have held that post would quarrel. Asked once by a senior backbencher if he agreed that

loyalty should come before

principle, he replied: "Yes, absolutely". The story was recalled yesterday as the lower-thanexpected Conservative majority in the Commons poli tax debate led some to ponder whether a less stringent whipping regime would accompany the softer tone coming from Downing Street since John Major's arrival. The answer is almost cer-

tainly no. As rebellions go, it was of the "small earthquake" variety. Indeed it hardly merited the revolt label. Of the 60 Conservative MPs who did not vote for the government, half a dozen at most were genuine rebels.

John Lee, who had memorably told the Commons earlier that the poll tax was a flagship which had destroyed the admiral (that is, Margaret Thatcher), voted with the Opposition, and four others deliberately abstained. Neventheless, the result left Lab-



John Wakeham

our MPs happier than at any time since the election of Mr Major. They felt they had taken the shine off Michael Heseltine's return to the dispatch box. One government whip ruefully claimed that they had staged a coup against the BBC which led its early-morning bulletins yesterday with stories of the

Not much of an inquest was required by the Conservative whips. Nearly all the absentees, who included Mrs Thatcher, the foreign, defence and energy secretaries, and a host of other ministers, had been given permission to stay away. Despite the arrival



Tim Rentos

of Mr Heseltine at the environment department, the whips had expected at least a few rebels.

The reason the majority fell below 60 was the strong attendance of the Opposition parties. Richard Ryder, the new government chief whip, was following the practice of his recent predecessors of aiming for a majority in the 65-70 range. For some years it has been usual not to try to muster the full 95 majority on all divisions, even those of the three-line variety.

Whips admitted yesterday that at least 33 MPs had been unofficially "slipped"; told they need not turn up. Seven-



David Waddington

teen were at the Council of Europe in Brussels, others were at important meetings in marginal constituencies, some were attending their constituency executives. Mrs Thatcher was with Ronald

One whip said: "Surely 57 is a hig enough majority. Labour would love a majority of one. People are not going to be brought back from all corners for nothing." With extra forces at their disposal, the whips believe it better to deploy them in the right places.

Derek Foster, Labour chief whip, often the butt of criti-cism in the past for failing to



Richard Ryder

mobilise his troops, pulled out the stops on an issue that his party believes will be vital in the next election campaign. He ordered everyone back. The result was that only eight Labour MPs who were entitled to vote did not do so; seven had acceptable reasons for being away, and only one who should have attended, David Lambie, failed to do so. It was Labour's best turnout on

such an occasion since 1983. Tory chief whips of the past decade have all had their own ways of keeping their forces in order, and bringing the rebels into line. They are as powerful as any member



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of the government other than the prime minister. It is their advice that counts when the prime minister is considering promotions or bringing MPs into the government.

Most MPs who have

served throughout those years agree that Mr Jopling was the toughest, but then be had a smaller majority (44) tect. Mr Jopling was not averse to summoning recalcitrants to his office off the members' lobby and bawling them out.

John Wakeham, who ran the whips' office with smooth efficiency from 1983 to 1987, took a more persuasive line.

inviting in potential rebels for a glass of whisky, but letting them know in un-mistakable terms that they

were letting the side down.

David Waddington, who replaced him, also had a genial air, but ran than the office in a more military style, and often delivered stern lectures to his colleagues. Tim Renton, who had never been in the whips office before being sent there to replace Mr Waddington in October 1989, had a more urbane style, but was reputed to have a prodigious memory for the most minor sins.

All of them had powerful henchmen. Tristan Garel. Jones, deputy to three, was known to put the fear of God into some of the less experi-enced colleagues. David Lightbown, still in Mr Ry. der's team, is built like a nightclub bouncer and scares some of his backbenchers by

his sheer physical presence. Mr Ryder, who took over last week, goes to the post as probably one of the most popular figures ever to be appointed to it. There will be few histrionics. Calling everyone back on Wednesday would have been overkill that would have eaten into the fund of good will with which he starts the job.

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Hurd sets British agenda for Rome

By PETER MULLIGAN AND RICHARD FORD

BRITAIN is to press at next week's inter-governmental conference in Rome on politcal union for sanctions to be imposed on member states of the European Community which ignore rolings of the European court.

The government will also urge the European parliament to monitor more closely the work of the European Commission. It will call for the Community to take on a coordinating role in some aspects of security including by minute inevitably, inconfidence-building measures that flow from the CSCE.

Douglas Hurd told MPs

'Bungalow blight' in Ulster

ENVIRONMENT

NORTHERN Ireland was suffering from bungalow blight, pollution and the destruction of its countryside because of the lack of planning and "green" laws, the Commons environment committee said yesterday (Sheila

Gunn writes). The MPs' report added that "the troubles" did not remove the need for extending British and European environmental protection laws to the province.The Tory-dominated committee criticised the goveroment's attitude to the planning laws and called for action to stop the destruction of ancient peat bogs and to control smoke and water pollution, poison waste dumps and development in

the countryside. "As far as the environment is concerned, Northern Ireland is now at a crossroads. We were pleased to see signs of economic recovery but are concerned about the impact that this could have without a clear, coherent policy on the environment in Northern Ireland," the report said. Environmental protection

was far less highly developed in Ulster than in the rest of the United Kingdom. The comminee recommended that the government

should: extend British and EC environmental laws to Northern Ireland: protect Strangford Lough

from large-scale commercial fishing; oprosecute for water pollution:

outlaw sales of unauthorised fuels in smoke-control areas: review planning laws;

set up an environmental designate and protect important peat bogs; and publish annual environmental statistics for the whole UK and for Northern Ireland. EUROPE

more efficient and effective but said that Britain remained

nission or the European parliament greater powers. Outlining a more pragmatic approach towards developments in the Community, Mr Hurd said: "We do not see the Community as a river or even a glacier which moves minute

opposed to giving the Com-

exorably in a preordained direction. That is not how it works or how it should work. "The Community evolves but that takes place by working out what the Community's actual needs are but not by an inevitable law of gravity or by

some movement in the stars." He said they had not been persuaded by calls for an extension of the commission's powers, of qualified majority for the European parliament "But because we have to say that we are not persuaded of the case for these changes, it does not mean that our stance in this conference will be a

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negative one." Before Mr Hurd told MPs in the Commons of the government's ideas, Whitehall sources made plain that, contrary to earlier indications, there was no plan to publish a comprehensive paper on its approach towards Europe They indicated that Mr Hurd was working on a speech that would set out the government's attitude towards the

Community. In a debate on developments in the Community, Mr Hurd said that he wanted to make it more efficient and effective, to improve compliance with European count rulings, strengthen the voice of Europe in the world and to improve the scrutiny of the

commission. Britain would press for sanctions to be levied against member states that failed to comply with court rulings and wanted the European parliament to "direct fresh energy" at monitoring commission spending rather than seeking new legislative pow-

While opposing Community involvement in some aspects of defence policy. particularly the deployment of troops and weapons, he said it could have a co-ordinating role in matters of European

Mr Hurd suggested that the Community could take on some of the ideas accepted at the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe including confidence-building schemes and the conciliation of disputes.

Throughout his speech the foreign secretary remained much more emollient towards the Community.

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be: Monday: Road Traffic bill. second reading. Tuesday: Debate on the Gulf

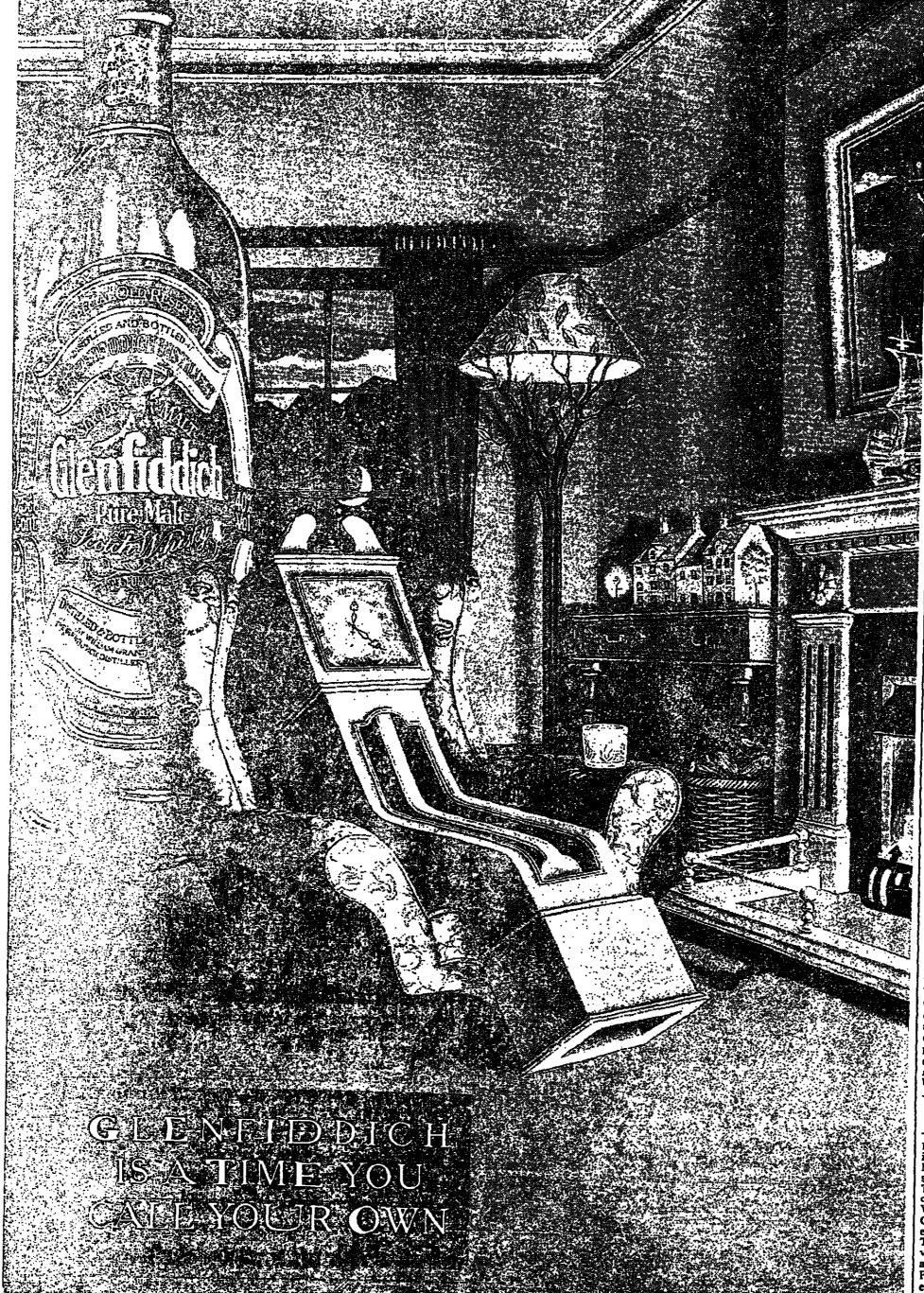
Wednesday: Debate on an Opposition motion on the economic recession. Thursday: Debate on investigations under company and financial services law. Friday: Debate on economic, environmental and popula-

The main business in th Lords is expected to be: Tuesday: Statutory Sick Pay bill, second rerading. Debate on vocational training. Wednesday: Debate on cus todial and non-custodial sen-

Thursday: Maintenance Enforcement bill, committee.

Parliament today Commons (9.30): Debate of private member's motion on UK political developments

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Labour plans health service free of the market place

THE Labour party yesterday set out its compromise solution for a more efficient and without the strings of the market place attached.

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William Waldegrave the ifesto as "a stale old mish- drugs and dressings, if they mash of expensive bribes to ran out of money. the unions" which would lead to escalating costs.

Labour promises to bring an end to the spate of bed closures every autumn, by creating a substantial reserve fund that could be given to



New post for head of COI

Mike Devereau, director general of the Central Office of Information, has been appointed head of the Government Information Service in addition to his present position,

Downing Street said. That marks a change from the situation under Margaret Thatcher when Bernard Ingham, her chief press officer, was also head of the information

Mr Devereau, who is 53, moved from journalism 10 Whitehall more than 20 years ago. He was appointed director general of the COI last year. In his new post he will have charge of 1,200 information officers serving all parts of government.

MPs debate hanging

John MacGregor, leader of the House, confirmed that MPs would have the opportunity on December 17 to debate all aspects of capital punishment. The debate will arise on new clauses put down to the

Council cash

environment secretary, will be laying his proposals for government revenue support for local authorities before the Commons before the Christmas recess, but they will not be debated until the new year, John MacGregor, leader of the House, said.

Angola aid

The government is to provide a further £500,000 in emergency aid for the victims of drought and civil war in Angola, Lynda Chalker, the overseas aid minister, said in a written reply. It brings to £1.5 million the total of relief aid to the country.

Energy 'safe'

John Major said in a Commons written reply that the energy department would remain as a separate department at least until the end of the present Parliament. The prime minister said that his expectation was that the workload would justify its retention

THE NHS

not to pledge a specific accountable health service hospitals that were treating the sum would be spread over more patients than planned. Hospitals would be given William Waldegrave the "flexed" budgets that could be a minimum hourly wage has health secretary immediately topped up with the marginal also not been costed for the attacked Labour's health man-

> Robin Cook, Opposition health spokesman, said that the reserve fund, which would be held at region or district level, could be as high as 10 per cent to 15 per cent of the hospital budget, or between £1.8 billion and £2.7 billion.

> Hospitals would be able to compete for the pot, although they would have no guaranteed access to extra money. The system, which builds on the existing cash-limited scheme, could however encourage mid-year shroudwaving by doctors anxious for a share of the funds.

the aim was to encourage hospitals to use their full bedded London hospitals. In money for social services the longer term, hospitals departments.

would be built in under-provided areas provided areas provide provided areas, particularly in areas of population growth.

Launching the health docu-ment A Fresh Start for Health, Neil Kinnock confirmed that a Labour government would "repeal" self-governing hos-pitals and GP budget holders and dismantle any internal market. "Like the British people, we reject the market model of medicine which forces hospitals and doctors to compete against each other for the cheapest treatments."

However, Labour is expected to retain the split between the provider and purchaser of health care that is part of the government's health service reforms.

Under Labour, the purchaser would draw up contracts or "performance agreements" based on the volume of work and quality of care expected. These would be linked to national health targets such as reductions in the number of deaths from lung cancer and coronary heart

District health authorities would be supervised by strategic boards that would set local targets and standards of performance. The document, which has few details in many areas, fails to spell out what would happen if health authorities failed to meet their

Defending his private osteopathy treatment for a neck injury this year, Mr Kinnock said a Labour government would see if alternative medicine could be brought in under

the NHS. Earlier, he pledged to put investment in the health service before tax cuts.

"In this country there is now a strong mandate for using available public resources for the public good and in their order of priorities the British people give top place to the need to invest in the health services. We shall honour their mandate." Although Mr Kinnock

pledged more resources for the NHS, he did not spell out how much, indicating merely that Labour would be making "proper provision" to make good underfunding of 2 per cent to 3 per cent over the past 11 years.

The National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts has estimated that NHS underfunding since 1980 has accumulated to £4.5billion. However yesterday Mr Cook

due to come into effect in

Lord Strathchyde, a Scot-

tish office minister, said that

that shooting was not an

important pressure, and the

previously announced ban

had not been imposed. The

Nature Conservancy Coun-

consultation with research.

Lady Nicol expressed

alarm at the decline in

numbers of capercaillie so

far as could be judged, to

fewer than 2,000 birds. "It is

not good to eat and not even

good sport." She called for an immediate ban.

it was well known that the

cause of the decline in

capercaillie population was

loss of habitat. Sporting

estates were interested in

extending the habitat. That

was why the government

had asked for a voluntary

ban rather than imposing a

statutory one.

Lord Strathclyde said that

First bury your capercaillie...

By JOHN WINDER against a ban on shooting the birds which had been

October.

THE world's largest grouse, the capercaillie, may be at considerable risk from gastronomes.

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A suggestion in the House of Lords yesterday that the consultation had confirmed threatened species is of little interest to shooters because it provides poor sport and poor eating, was rejected by a Liberal Democrat peer who offered what passed for cil was following up the a recipe for this inhabitant of the Scots pine forests.

The recipe: Take one dead capercaillie, bury it for three months and exhume it. Then cook it. Lord Mackie of Benshie, aged 71, said that very brave people would then find it edible.

On the sporting side, his advice as a keen shot was that the capercaillie approaching at an apparent 15mph was in fact doing a deceptive 75mph. That would make it a more

sporting proposition. Lady Nicol, a Labour peer, had started the exchanges by asking why the government had decided

amount, and emphasised that the life of a parliament.

Labour's proposal to create also not been costed for the now take home less than £100 Mr Cook said that a Labour

and Mr Kinnock were careful

government would give priority to health promotion and would draw on recommendations of the Black report on health inequalities. It would ban tobacco advertising, except at the point of sale and bring back free eye tests and dental tests. "We have examined the NHS and we diagnose a case

of chronic neglect aggravated

by an acute attack of dog-matism", Mr Cook said. Labour would set up a new department of health and community care with a sepa-Mr Cook made clear that rate minister. Although it would adopt the government's plan to give local councils responsibility for community



Cope: intends to lick party machine into shape

Chief of staff job for party number two

By RICHARD FORD AND NICHOLAS WOOD

CHRIS Patten has made John Cope, his new deputy at Conservative Central Office, his "chief of staff" and charged him with licking the

the next election. The new Tory chairman is

reshuffle from the number two slot at the Northern Ireland Office, has been asked by Mr Patten to tighten up the nuts and bolts of party organis-ation. Mr Cope, a chartered accountant by profession, will Major. concentrate on office management and strengthening the links between central office and constituency parties.

in by-election planning. In particular, he wants the party professionals to give local parties more advice and guidance on the pressures gencrated by a by-election. He

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candidates. But he does not intend to interfere in their party machine into shape for jealously guarded right to

select a potential MP. Mr Patten and Mr Cope are understood to believe that the understood to believe that replacement of Margaret despite the changes made by Thatcher by John Major their predecessors, there is strengthens the case for either room for improvement at going to the country early or central office. They believe holding on until 1992. that the 140 staff at party Mr Cope, who moved to headquarters could be given a central office in last week's clearer idea of their duties and

> Mr Patten's role will be to deploy his public relations skills to project the more compassionate brand of Con-servatism associated with Mr

The new party chairman is also expected to play a bigger role in policy formulation. He is a former head of the central He wants central office staff office research department and agents to play a bigger role and he is understood to be giving thought to enhancing the department's role in policy-making.

The Tory chairman is understood to be eager to dissuade local parties from would like local associations taking reprisals against MPs to pay greater attention to who supported Michael Hessuch factors when choosing eltine in the leadership battle.

Major hint on MPs' hours

By ROBIN OAKLEY

JOHN Major gave tacit encouragement yesterday to demands for an improvement of the working hours and practices of the House of Commons, saying that he would not "stand against" any reform plans produced by the procedure committee.

There is renewed, although so far unco-ordinated, pressure for Westminster's working practices to be changed. During his campaign for the Tory leadership Douglas Hurd promised urgent priority for reforms in the conduct of parliamentary life. But the difficulties were underlined by Michael Heseltine, who said: "attractive to say, difficult to do", pointing out that any restriction on the hours Parliament sat would risk diminishing the rights of the Opposition to examine and delay legislation. Delay is almost an MP's sole weapon.

But at least MPs will have a longer Christmas holiday this year. John MacGregor, leader of the House, announced yesterday that Parliament will rise on December 20 and not return until January 14.

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yesterday the possibility of introducing in the near future widespread ethnic monitoring of decisions taken by the

Monitoring would not definitely prove whether the crim-inal justice system discrim-Gerry Bermingham, Labour inal justice system discriminated against racial min- MP for St Helens South, orities and would be expenmittee studying the govern-ment's Criminal Justice Bill.

Mr Patten said, however, that ministers would view sympathetically the calls from all sides of the committee for the bill to impose a legal duty on the police and other agencies to treat all people equally. MPs are now hopeful that a non-discrimination clause will be written into the legislation, although Opposition mem-bers feel that a declaratory statement might have little impact without systematic ethnic monitoring throughout

the system. Mr Patten accepted that allegations of racial bias by the police and other decisionmakers required further investigation, but he suggested that the way forward in the short-term was to commission more in-depth surveys.

He said that data already

police, probation officers and cent of their white counterparts, other figures suggested that courts might be discrim-

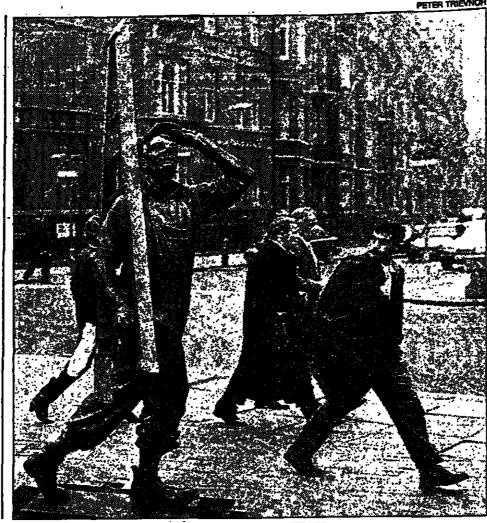
challenged Mr Patten's claim sive, John Patten, Home that ethnic monitoring would Office minister, told the combe difficult to implement, be difficult to implement, pointing out that police custody records already detailed racial background of defendants. The MP, a practis-ing barrister, added: "I have seen first-time offenders who happen to be black get three years on their first offence. I have seen Irish defendants being discriminated against just that little bit more.

Mr Patten pointed out that courts were already bound to treat all defendants equally by integrity of the courts.

MINISTERS firmly dismissed support the claims of bias. For the terms of the judicial oath, they had been unfairly treated could always appeal to a higher court. He also felt that Labour's amendment, coshrining a non-discrimination clause in the bill, had been badly drafted. He said later, however, that he sympathised with the spirit of the amendment and indicated that the government might endorse it

> Andrew Mitchell, MP for Gedling and one of four Conservative committee members who have publicly called for a be built into the legislation, said: "The thinking and thrust behind the proposed clause is Terry Dicks, a worthy one." Terry Dicks, Tory MP for Hayes and Harlington, disagreed. He said that such a clause would amount to a slur on the

in some form.



£20m of heroin found in Turkish lorries

By ROBIN YOUNG

CUSTOMS officers at Dover making a random check on two Turkish lorries found £20 million worth of heroin under the floor boards. The consignment weighed 203kg (446lb), the largest single seizure of heroin made in Britain.

The lorries had travelled the "Balkan route" across Europe before catching the

border checks. They were loaded with textiles but customs officers made a the highest annual figure yet. "cold pull" search and discovered about 100kg of heroin hidden in each.

The seizure, on Friday last week, was more than three times bigger than the previous record of 60kg, which was also

ferry from Ostend to Dover, without the discovered in a Turkish lorry at Dover drugs being found in any intervening on October 15. The amount of heroin recovered this year is more than 500kg,

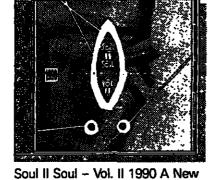
> A Turkish man was being questioned yesterday. Two other men have been charged with illegal importation of heroin and remanded in custody by Dover magistrates until tomorrow.

bronze sculpture of a window cleaner, eyes raised for his passers-by in a west London street. The work, by Alan Sly, took two months to complete and was commissioned by St Martin's Property Corporation for its newly refurbished Capital House in Chapel Street, which is clad almost entirely in glass.



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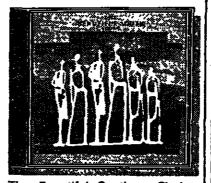


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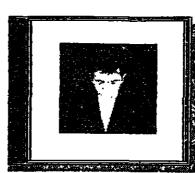
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Stoic who keeps defeatism at bay in a Tehran cell

Letters to friends and relatives from Roger Cooper, Britain's longestserving Gulf hostage, give an insight to life and conditions in his Tehran prison cell. Connie Sutherland reports

ROGER Cooper, Britain's longest-serving Gulf hos-tage, starts his sixth year in Evin prison, Tehran, today. He has not had the hotel treatment of Britain's Baghdad hostages, who can drink cocktails and talk to television crews about their plight. However, nor has he been held in total isolation like the other hostages released from Beirut: chained to radiators, transported in coffins under lorries and treated worse than animals. His conditions are tol-

erable, probably more comfortable than those of British remand prisoners crowded three to a cell in a space designed for one.

Officially, Mr Cooper is not a hostage at all, just a prisoner "serving his term" though the precise nature of his offence, date of trial or conviction (if any) and length of sentence are still a mystery. Iranian spokesmer have variously denied that he has been tried, have stated in the majlis (perliament) that he has been, have announced and retracted a death sentence and have spoken of sentences of

ten, 14 and 16 years.
The truth is that since the Iranians accused him of spying and extracted a televised semi-confession from him, the case has been an embarrassment to them. Imprecise spying charges are a common excuse for holding Westerners in the Gulf. In Mr Cooper's case, they emerged over a year after his arrest to justify his continued detention after a British spokesman had made a heavy-handed reference to the case on television.

Mir-Hossein Moussavi, Iran's former premier, was goaded into justifying the affair by saving that he was held on spying that he was held on spying charges. Soon after, the television "confession" was filmed and zealous prison interrogators found further proof. Mr Cooper, aged 55, had had on him a bleeper to call his office in Dubai. That was his office in Dubai. That was communications device capable of reaching Cyprus". Although his apparently

Mr Cooper, his morale remains high. In August, when talks between Britain and Iran seemed deadlocked, he wrote to a senior Iranian diplomat stating that it would be wrong for the British government to insist on his freedom as a precondition for re-establishing relations. He added that he did not want to be freed by a pardon. He has always declared his innocence and for several years has asked for, but not been given, a ju-dicial review of his case.

He carries on a spirited correspondence with a wide range of friends. At his suggestion they formed a Friends of Roger Cooper Society, and it is from their shared correspondence files that this picture of Mr Cooper's prison life is

drawn. His problems come less from the prison guards, his turnkeys as he calls them, than from fellow prisoners. He chooses his cell-mates, and for most of the first three years he chose solitary confinement, preferring cramped solitude to the option of sharing a cell with

smokers who kept the television blaring all day.
In this period he read voraciously. A letter from August 1987 says: "I'm about two thirds of the way through Shakespeare, which is wonderful. The Bible. though, is a disappointment genocide and racism." He also amused himself by writing rude anagrams about British politician and undertook raid transla

tion work for his captors.

At the end of that time he started translating Ayatoliah Khomeini's poetry into Engwas published along with learned notes on its religious symbolism in the English language The Tehran Times.

He has spent some time with a group of foreign prisoners, including a Brit-ish soldier of fortune, sub-



Cooper: starting his

sixth year in captivity sequently released, who said that Mr Cooper was not popular with the other prisoners because of his friendli-

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ness with the prison officers. For about a year he was allowed the best of both worlds, keeping his own small cell where he could read, write and study but having the human company of the other prisoners. Now he is again in a shared cell, fortunately without television, but with little privacy. He has, however, recently been allowed to sit in the corridor after lights out, which gives him two or three hours of quiet for letters and serious reading.

In a recent letter he said that he gets on better with and an American. Mr Cooper claims to have a sophisticated palate, in spite of years of captivity. His latest letter complains that "somewhat reluctantly I have had to take over the cooking from John after 1 found him putting our precious pasta in insufficient, not quite boiling water then overcooking it and not reheating it after draining There was some friction over this but he seemed unwilling to learn and Helmui

finally sided with me" From the tone of his lively letters, there does not seem a tough prison routine. It has gone on too long, however. Political contacts, now that Britain and Iran again have diplomatic relations, can smooth over some of the minor inconveniences of prison life, such as arranging regular consular visits, b that is no substitute fol freedom, and what rema is a hope that the spiritual authorities who control the Islamic Republic of Iran can recognise his innocence and send him home for

Liverpool football supporters anxious to watch the FA Cup semi-final at Hillsborough were unaware of people being crushed to death in front of them, the inquest into the tragedy was told yesterday. Inspector Gordon Sykes said supporters at the back had no idea what was happening on the terrace.

Mr Sykes was called to the Leppings Lane terrace at the Sheffield ground where 95 fans were crushed to death shortly after the start of the match against Nottingham Forest on April

15 last year. The hearing continues today. Player accused Karate captain

Mark Dennis, the Crystal Aiden Trimble, aged 29, has Palace left back, of Streatham, south London, was remanded on bail at Wimbledon yes-terday accused of beating and threatening to kill his former

Jail for fraud

Kirpal Singh Johl, of Stevenage, Hertfordshire, a former rent clerk for a council estate, who fraudulently raised hundreds of thousands on mortgages, was jailed for four and a half years and ordered to forfeit £75,400 at Knightsbridge crown court yesterday for three offences of fraud.

Rude awakening

A man who escaped from Stanford Hill prison, Kent, was recaptured yesterday, after being found asleep in a house he had burgled in Andover, Hampshire

become the youngest fifth dan in the UK in Shotokan Karate Trimble, a council official from Nottingham, will captain the British team in the World Karate Championships in Du-bai later this month.

Shop charges

Richard Madeley, presenter of the Granada television pro-gramme This Morning, was sent for trial at Manchester yesierday on two charges of shoplifting

Food firm fined Plumrose, food manufacturer of Hull, Humberside, was fined £850 at Nottingham yesterday after a bolt was

found in paté. Tree stolen

A two-foot bonsai tree, worth £400, has been dug up by thieves from a garden

The enquiry into the Lockerbie air disaster adjourns today and no more evidence will be taken until the new year, after the second

anniversary of the crash on December 21. Kerry Gill and Sue Ellicott report.

\$4m security budget 'cut substantially'

A BUDGET of \$4 million was earmarked to set up Alert, Pan Am's security subsidiary, but this was later substantially reduced by the airline, the judicial enquiry into the Lockerbie disaster was told yesterday. Wilfrid Wood, who was em-

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ployed by Pan Am to establish the organisation, said: "At the outset one of the promises was that there would be an unlimited budget. The top line was \$4.02 million (£2.09 million). But in the end the real money spent was \$100,000 in

Colonel Wood, aged 59, a former British army officer, said he had anti-terrorist experience in the army before he was taken on by Pan Am on January 1, 1987, on a "handshake contract". He said Harry Pizer, the airline's head of corporate security, appeared unwilling to put anything in writing.

"I believe that was because he was keen to avoid anything which might result in his being responsible for security matters," said Colonel Wood. The enquiry was told that a memo to Alert staff from Fred Ford, Pan Am's president, said: "If we do not give the programme a fair chance it could be a very significant embarrassment for us all." Colonel Wood commented that it could be dangerous rather than embarrassing when asked if he concurred with Mr Ford's point of view.

"If you set up a security programme as a sham and people believe in it, you could end up believing in it yourself. It is

basically dishonest," he said. Colonel Wood said he had tried to get away from the practice of hiring security staff who were generally considered by fellow workers as below the status of cleaners. He quoted a saying in the security business: "If they can tie their shoe laces, well and good. If they cast a shadow, employ

them." The enquiry, which draws to a close today, will reopen on January 22. Held before Sheriff Principal John Mowat in Easterbrook Hall, part of the Crichton Royal hospital, Dumfries, the enquiry began on October 1 under strict security. Indeed, those entering the red sandstone hall have commented that security is tighter than at most airports.

Fatal accident enquiries, similar to English inquests, are normally held within a sheriff court although a sheriff can hold one wherever he considers it appropriate. In the case of the Lockerbie bearing, the Easterbrook Hall was the only place believed big enough to hold the mass of lawyers, advocates, press and public.

The hospital, founded in 1839, has a world-wide reputation for the care of the mentally ill. Its peak occupancy was after the turn of the century when it had more than a thousand patients; it now

LAWYERS acting for three crew

members of the Boeing 747 that blew up over Lockerbie with the

loss of 270 lives will raise court

actions in New York next June

against the security company em-

ployed by Pan Am (Kerry Gill

writes). They expect to win dam-

ages amounting to several million

pounds for each of the crew

Judson Francis, the families'

lawyer, said they would seek dam-

ages for the loss incurred by the

families and the pre-crash terror

experienced by the crew who, they

will argue, regained consciousness

20,000ft above the ground and

may have lived for a short time

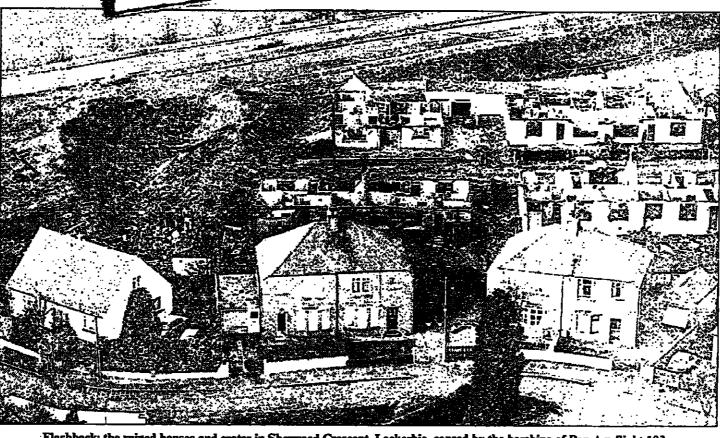
Mr Francis said last night that

the three people for whom his firm

was acting showed no evidence of

members' families.

after falling to earth.



Flashback: the ruined houses and crater in Sherwood Crescent, Lockerbie, caused by the bombing of Pan Am flight 103

has about 450. In the event very few members of the public have attended the enquiry and only a handful of relatives have been prepared to undergo the stress of hearing evidence relating to the bombing. Among those who have attended regularly is Jim Swire, spokesman for the British relatives, who lost his daughter in the

Sheriff Principal Mowat and the advocates representing a variety of parties, ranging from the Crown to bereaved relatives, sit in gowns and wigs in what has officially been designated a court for the

the explosion but clearly had been

made unconscious by the cold air

and lack of oxygen. According to

Dr Jerome Schneider, an expert

witness who will give evidence

before a US district court, they

tween 20,000ft and 18,000ft and

would have experienced the terror

It has been established in US

courts that the family of someone

who suffered "pre-crash terror"

can claim substantial damages.

The family of a pilot whose plane

crashed near Fort Worth won

\$100,000 damages when it was

proved that he lived for 20

seconds before hitting the ground.

alleging negligence would be

brought against Alert, the security

company employed by Pan Am,

Mr Francis said the actions

of falling to their deaths.

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Crew families to sue for 'pre-crash terror'

quiry is expected to continue until cause of death. The circumstances early spring.
The sheriff principal will then

issue his findings, most probably some time after the enquiry ends. Among them will be where and when the deaths of the 270 people killed took place, the causes of death, reasonable precautions that might have been taken to avoid the tragedy and defects that may have contributed to the deaths.

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The most harrowing part of the enquiry was when Sergeant David Johnstone spent days in the witness box giving details of the 270 people killed, where their

and Pan Am World Services. Pan

Am World Services, a wholly

owned subsidiary of Pan Am

Corporation, was sold off in May

last year but was the company that

employed Alert. The actions are

on behalf of the families of Jerry

Avritt, a flight engineer, and Lilibeth Macalooly and Jocelyn

At Dumfries the judicial en-

quiry into the disaster has heard

numerous allegations of mistakes

and negligence concerning sec-

urity at Frankfurt airport, from

where the bomb was believed to

at Frankfurt was said to have been

unfit for his job and was dismissed

24 weeks after the bombing. His

employers found of irregularities

including the disappearance of

The head of Pan Am's security

Reina, air stewardesses,

have originated.

relating to every one of the dead were painstakingly recorded.

John Boyd, Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, who was chief constable of Dumfries and Galloway at the time of the bombing, said 658 bags of human remains were recovered. They were cremated at a service on January 31 last year. His men, he said, had the task of giving information to relatives. Some reacted with shock, others with frustration as they demanded that

bodies be released. Because of the severe injuries caused to the dead, relatives had

DM100,000 (about £35,000) for

the enquiry that security at Heath-

row airport was totally inadequate

at the time of the disaster. David

Cooke said he was so badly paid

that he could not remember how

much he earned, adding that no

meaningful training was given by

A Pan Am employee said that

he was aware that unaccompanied

baggage was placed on board flight

103 when it left Heathrow, Later

during the enquiry Daniel Sone-son, the deputy head of Pan Am's

corporate security operation, de-

nied that his instruction to allow

flights to depart from Frankfurt

and Heathrow with unsearched,

unaccompanied baggage had been

grossly irresponsible.

A former Alert employee told

which he was responsible.

to be dissuaded from seeing victims unless accompanied by medical staff. In the event, only two bodies were identified by relatives and these relatives were doctors.

The scale of the disaster only became apparent hours after the crash. The next morning the hills around Lockerbie were strewn with bodies and debris.

For survivors on the ground the memories of that night can never be purged. John Smith, a retired policeman aged 76, entered the court with a stick, his hands still wrapped in medicinal mittens.

He had dragged his injured wife, Janet, aged 75, from their blazing home in Sherwood Crescent, the worst-affected area of the town where part of the plane crashed and exploded. A policeman described the explosion as being like a miniature atomic bomb.

Mr and Mrs Smith were watching television when the crash occurred. He told the enquiry that flaming aviation fuel belched down from the ceiling and he became separated from his wife by a wall of flame.

Few obvious reminders of the disaster remain in Lockerbie. The crater caused by the fuselage has been grassed over. The notice board that daily recorded the dead taken to the makeshift morgue at the town hall now bears lists of intended marriages. It is in Dryfesdale cemetery that memories linger, little cellophane parcels protecting victims' photographs and mementoes recovered from the bills.

Bomber identified as Libyan, says Cable News

From Susan Ellicott IN WASHINGTON

INVESTIGATORS of the Pan Am flight 103 disaster have identified the bomber as a Libyan intelligence agent and will issue indiciments soon, according to the US television station Cable News

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Network. In a special documentary this week the network reported that the suspect was a male colleague of another Libyan agent identified as Mohammed al-Naydi, who also uses the name Mohammed al-Marzouk. The programme was aired two weeks after a former director of operations at the Central Intelligence Agency's counter-terrorism unit said the US was close to laying charges against those responsible for the bombing.

On Wednesday CNN reported that Mr al-Naydi was arrested in February 1988 in Dakar, Senegal, in possession of bomb timing devices that matched those discovered among the debris of the crash. The network added that Ahmed Jibril, the Syrian-backed Palestinian leader, recruited the suspected agent, whom it did not name, because he did not want to trust fellow Palestinians to carry out the bombing. The suspect went to Malta in November 1988 where he packed a suitcase including the plastic explosives that blew

up the flight. The unaccompanied case was sent to Frankfurt, where it was loaded onto a Pan Am flight to London, then transferred to Pan Am flight 103 to New York, Investigators believe the bomb was disguised in a portable cassette player in the suitcase.

Mr Jibril has long been the chief Lockerbie suspect. Previous evidence by American intelligence officials to congressional hearings have hinted that they considered his organisation was behind the bomb attack.

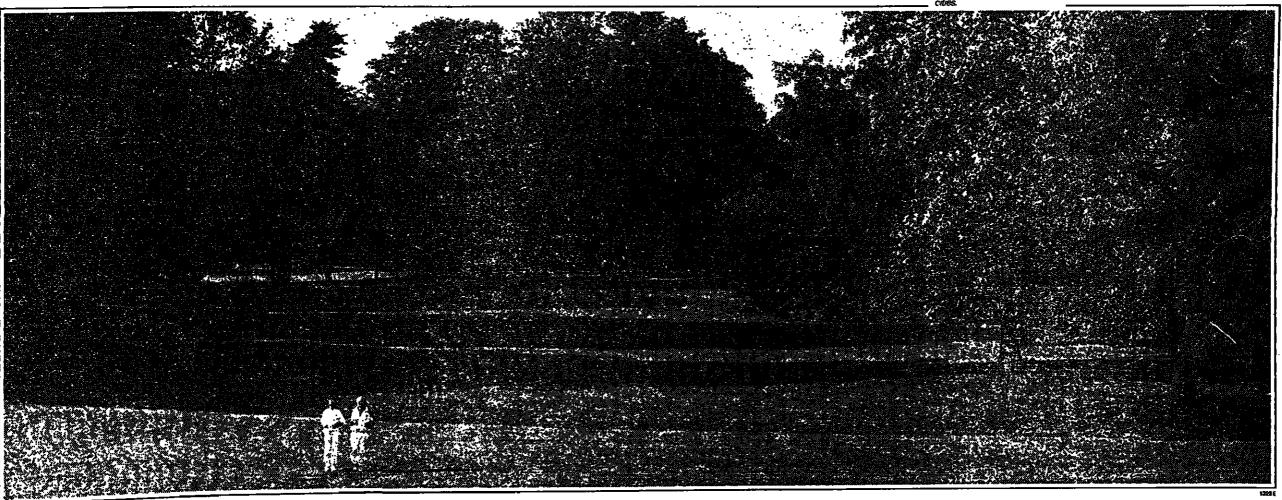
Recently, however, officials in Washington have suggested a different hypothesis, that Mr Jibril handed the job over to a Libyan group.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command, which is led by Mr libril has consistently denied it

was responsible for the attack. The US Justice Department declined comment yesterday on the CNN report.

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Polish election rivals tire of insults and put faith in Church

presidency, a month-long jumble of insults, murky threats and media manipula-tion, spluttered to a close last night with the two candidates unable to agree even on a preelection television debate.

The formal campaigning ends at noon today and the vote to determine who will lead Poland into the 1990s comes on Sunday. But the climax, as far as challenger Stanislaw "Stan" Tyminski was concerned, should have been the televised debate last

His staff had prepared docu-ments which, they believed, would fatally compromise Lech Walesa, the Solidarity chief and favourite to win the presidency. But Mr Walesa refused to attend, declaring that "Mr Tyminski has violated the basic rules of political culture in this country". The Solidarity leader, in fact, had agreed to a television debate to be staged last Sunday and had sat in the studio -but Mr Tyminski did not

The latest opinion poll gives Mr Walesa 58 per cent support and Mr Tyminski 23 per cent. election campaign were frus-Even if some of Mr Walesa's trated former communists support melts in a low turnout, he can be confident of

Mr Tyminski, an emigré n, needs to pull a big rabbit out of his hat to save his campaign. He argued at a though running election Silesian rally: "We have a choice - either we want the totalitarian rule of Mr Walesa, or we want conditions as they are in Canada and America. I am not promising you the impossible." But the crowd no

with the Casio SP9500.

THE campaign for the Polish longer cheers such utterances. Instead there are increasingly

violent brawls and rowdy heckling. Squads of Walesa supporters have attended the last four Tyminski rallies and chanted "go back to Peru" or "KGB, KGB".

Eatanswill election in Pickwick Papers, Mr Tyminski, swamped by pro-Walesa shouting, started to whip up a Warsaw rally by leading a chorus of "down with Solidarity". His Peruvian wife joined in with "Stan Tyminski, Stan Tyminski", the only two Polish words she knows. Tyminski supporters infil-

trated their way into the studio audience of the Interpelacja television programme where Mr Walesa's chief of staff, Jacek Merkel, was answering questions.
"Hey, stop talking about
Tyminski's mythical connections with the secret police and look at all the Solidarity deputies and their ties with the security service," shouted one youth. Yesterday the interior minister, Dr Krzysztof Kozlowski, confirmed that many

of the helpers in the Tyminski

and secret agents.

Mr Walesa changed gear this week and stopped holding rallies, relying on television and radio to keep his campaign alive. Polish television, has been biased towards Mr Walesa.

But the crucial battle in the campaign has been for the support of the Catholic Church leadership. It is this

unhappy Silesian workers and farmers who voted for Mr Tyminski in the first round of the elections on November 25, allowing him to displace the third-ranking candidate, the prime minister, Tadeusz

The Church was at first neutral in the campaign. The deputy chairman of the Polish bishops' conference, Bishop Alojzy Orszulik, made a point of declaring: "The bishops and the clergy may not assist anyone in achieving political power." When Mr Tyminski erged as a real contender for the presidency, the bishops issued a statement that the post of president should be seen as the culmination of the past 10 years of struggle against totalitarianism clear vote of support for Mr

Walesa, who has headed Solidarity for the past decade. Mr Tyminski by contrast emigrated in 1969. He claims to be a Catholic and argued that the bishop's declaration applied to him. Both candidates tried to

claim the moral high ground, but the result has been even more chaotic than when they were slinging mud. Mr Walesa could point to a stable marriage, eight children and a long connection with the Church and the pope. Mr Tyminski by contrast divorced his first Finnish wife and married the wife of his best friend in Peru. He had two children with her before marrying her. Such unorthodox arrangements are not unusual in modern Poland, but they still have shock value in the Catholic-dominated countryside.



Faces of grief: an injured student being belped at the school in Bologna hit by a military plane on a training flight from Verona yesterday

EC closes ranks on agriculture

THE common agricultural policy has been cast as the villain of the Gatt talks. During four days of mounting tension and bitter recriminations, one theme has run through the accusations of the United States and other big farm exporters: the CAP alone was bankrupting world markets and ruining the chances of poorer nations winning a share of world prosperity.

"This round offers us a unique opportunity to change the agricultural policies of our competitors," an American negotiator was quoted as saying at the start of the talks. European ministers

your specific needs.

pected this from the beginning. In an unusual display of solidarity, the British, the Dutch, the French and the Germans, who only four weeks ago were angrily denouncing each other's farm policies, have banded together in vigorous public defence of

John Gummer, the culture minister, said there was no way that America and its allies would be allowed to destroy the fabric of the policy, which had brought such spectacular prosperity and stability to Europe's farmers over the past 30 years. Some subsidies were essential

for farming, he insisted. No one doubts the CAP is now Europe had never promised to phase them all out. He understood the com-

plaints of those who blamed the CAP for undermining world markets. But, with an unusual touch of pro-European defiance, he insisted that Europe would not change its policies under pressure

Raymond MacSharry, the European Community agriculture commissioner, went further. "I'll tell you what others want. They think the EC should not produce any food at all. They think we should produce less, export less and import more. It ain't and rural livelihoods. Reports largest food trade deficit in the world - \$25 billion."

He has a vested interest in maintaining the policy he has to run. But Britain's defence comes as a surprise from a country that has been denouncing the CAP as wasteful and inefficient. Ironically it comes on the eve of some of the most wide-ranging re-forms in the CAP since it was set up in a deal between France and Germany to pro-

in trouble. Food mountains are rising again, chronic sur-pluses seem ineradicable, the budget still takes up over twothirds of EC spending, and 80 per cent of all support goes to 20 per cent of the farmers.

Reform has always stumbled over the power of the noisy farm lobby, especially in France and Germany. But the need for reform has gradually been accepted by all. The Germans have been largely bought off with promises of direct aids to compensate for cuts in subsidies, and direct aids to protect their landscape going to be so. The EC has the of massive fraud and ingrained corruption have upset the Dutch and Danes, themselves efficient farmers. Even the Irish have accepted the

need for curbs on production. The proposed changes are not yet all on the table. But they are likely to tighten further the eligibility for subsidies, link payments more closely to the market, take more land out of production, land with cash compensation tect the most vulnerable sector and enforce tougher rules on of the continent's economy. environmental protection.

opinion and those in power".

particularly awkward moment for the RPR leader, Jacques

Chirac: the former prime min-

ister has been struggling to

hold his party together while

Their resignations come at a

Italian jet crashes on school

By PAUL BOMPARD IN ROME AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AT LEAST 12 people died and more than 100 were injured when an Italian military plane crashed in flames on a school in north Italy yesterday. The aircraft hit the first floor of a secondary school near Bologna, where about 200 pupils

were attending classes.
Some of the students jumped from first-floor windows on to a lawn to escape the flames and noxious fumes from the plane. At least three of the dead were crushed when the plane bored a hole about five yards in diameter through

The pilot of the aircraft, a Macchi MB326 jet trainer, had ejected a few seconds earlier after telling the Bologna control tower that his controls had jammed and his engine was on fire. The school. in the suburb of Casaleochio, is barely more than a mile

from Bologna airport. A witness said the plane was already in flames as it came gliding down. It passed between two blocks of flats and then smashed through the side of the Salvemini Vocational School and burst into flames A spokesman at the main Maggiore hospital in Bologa said at least four of the taken there were in serious condition in the intensive care ward. The school has about 200 students aged between 14

and 18. One student who survived the crash unscathed said he was sitting in a classroom when he glanced out of the window. "I saw the plane flying straight at me and had just time to think, what is he doing, is he mad? And then there was a tremendoms crash," he said.

One girl told of students throwing themselves out of first and second-floor win dows as the building filled with smoke and flames. A student who was on the first floor when she heard the crash said: "Our teacher shouted 'Get out! Get out!' We jumped out of the windows, people were shoving each other. They were falling out like fish, like dead fish."

Rescue workers said one girl was found practically upharmed in the wreckage under

one of the aircraft's wings. The air force named the pilot as Bruno Viviani, agad 24, who was on on a training flight from Verona, 60 miles from Bologna. It said he was taken to the Maggiore hospital with fractures of three

Resignations add to Chirac's woes

By PHILIP JACOBSON growing gulf between public

FRANCE'S divided and demoralised conservative opposition was split further yesterday by the sudden departure of two former government ministers, Michèle Barzach and Michel Noir. Both announced that they were resigning their seats in the National Assembly and would also be leaving the leading right-wing party, the Rassemblement pour la République (RPR). Generally seen as represent-

RPR, Mme Barzach, aged 47, and M Noir, aged 46 -respectively the former min-ister of health and the former minister for trade - were among the more prominent younger politicians jockeying for position as dissatisfaction with their party leadership increased. They were both critical yesterday of conservative policies, arguing that their party had failed the voters: M Noir, who remains mayor of Lyons, criticised outmoded political struc-"a vast national somersault", while Mme Barzach expressed

continuing the long-running feud with Valery Giscard d'Estaing, head of France's other main opposition grouping, the centre-right Union pour la Démocratie Française. They ing the centrist tendency of the were publicly at odds again only two days ago over the right conservative policy on France and the European Community. While neither Mme Barzach

nor M Noir were in any position to threaten M Chirac's iron grip on the RPR. their abrupt departure, with so public a show of discontent, further underlines the weaknesses of France's secondlargest parliamentary party. Constant internal bickering, periodic efforts to challenge the leadership, and the virtual tures" and appealed to fellow absence of serious alternative RPR deputies to follow him in policies have allowed the minority Socialist government a comparatively easy profound dismay at "the ride since early 1988.

Press spotlight penetrates Le Monde's troubled world

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

ONE newspaper, above all, is an institution in France. There are those who find Le Monde essential reading, others who find it essentially unreadable, but on that one point there is agreement. Commonly described as austere, this afternoon newspaper, with a circulation of nearly 400,000, is far and away the most influential in

public life, above all in politics.

But it is Le Monde's own affairs that will make headlines today at a special shareholders' meeting to try to resolve an embarrassing conflict over who is to replace André Fontaine, its distinguished editor and chief executive. The meeting will again attempt to thrash out a compromise that does least damage to the paper's high standing and avert serious financial difficulties. Earlier this week, in what many Le

Monde journalists saw as a blow to their cherished independence, a general meeting of shareholders refused to accept M Fontaine's chosen succesor, Daniel Vernet. At present editorial director, he enjoys widespread support among staff but fell far short of gaining the required 75 per cent approval. The suff opposition from Le Monde's outside shareholders to his

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appointment, almost a year after M Fontaine had first nominated him, is explained in part by the newspaper's balance sheet.

Although sales have been rising comfortably since the mid-1980s, and no other French newspaper enjoys such prestige abroad. Le Monde is expected to end 1990 at least 40 million francs (£4 million) in the red, alongside accumulated debts of around 300 million francs.

The central problem is that the newspaper, founded in December 1944 under General de Gaulle's patronage, has precious little revenue from other sources.

Plans to land a contract for printing the tabloid daily. Le Parisien, at Le Monde's costly new plant outside Paris were sunk by technical troubles.

What comes next is anyone's gue though M Vernet appears to have lost his chance: there is talk of going for an suitably impressive outsider, with the name of Roger Fauroux, the industry minister. doing the rounds. On the other hand, there are rumours that M Fontaine, whose term does not expire officially until the end of next year, could be persuaded without difficulty to stay on,

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Successor to Ershad pledges early poll as mobs seek revenge

PRESIDENT Ershad of Bang- appointment was originally to 1971. According to Bangla ladesh resigned yesterday and have been approved by parhanded over power to a caretaker leader, fulfilling a pledge of his final acts Mr Ershad ._ to opposition leaders who had waged a seven-week campaign of strikes and demonstrations

held within 90 days. Mr being attacked by crowds. Ershad, a former general who seized power in a bloodless unanimously by the three coup eight years ago, admin-main opposition parties to istered the oath of office to Shahabuddin Ahmed, nominated by opposition parties as acting president. He is chief

justice of the supreme court. The oath was administered in Mr Ershad's house inside Dhaka's military cantonment, a heavily guarded complex of offices and houses. Afterwards Mr Ahmed, aged 62, held talks Pakistan, came into being as with opposition leaders. His an independent country in

By Christopher Thomas

dissolved the body because few MPs were willing to risk appearing in public. Twothirds of MPs belong to his A general election is to be Jatiya party, and they feared

> Mr Ahmed was chosen succeed Mr Ershad, who had threatened to boycott elections promised in May unless the government was first dissolved. They said the Ershad administration would not have permitted a free and fair election. Mr Ahmed is the eleventh president since Bangladesh, formerly East

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mittee also said this week that

Sikh militants kill Punjab journalist

From Christopher Thomas in Delhi

ALL India Radio's station tants and their organisations". director in the Punjabi capital

It said the leaders of five Sikh
of Chandigarh was shot dead
organisations could seek exby unidentified gunmen yesplanations for reports. Jourterday in the first sign of a new nalists would be free to submit assault on journalists and the complaints to the committee.

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The death of Rajinder Kumar Talib came after the Punjab government and journalists received a warning all semi-government organ-last month not to use the word isations should use only the "terrorist" in describing the groups waging an armed campaign in the state. It said they must be called militants. Those violating the instruc-Tion would be killed.

· All India Radio described "the killers as "terrorists" when it reported the murder in its news bulletins yesterday. Journalists in Punjab have said they would ignore the so- site yesterday, watched by called code of conduct issued by the groups, but in practice in the second threatened the press has mostly abandoned the word terrorist.

" The Sikh Panthic committee, the separatists' under-ground "cabinet", said the groups should be called "militants. Khalistani freedom released. fighters or Khalistani muiahedin". The Panthic com- test has given breathing space mittee must not be described to the government to try to as "Pakistan-based". It work out a permanent solordered news agencies to give more news from the "land of Khalistan" and declared the "weaknesses of the mili- tory of the site.

return to the bench after the elections.

"My task will be to hold parliamentary elections as soon as possible and transfer power to a democratic government," he told a news conference after his appointment. He would, he said, institute legal reforms to dismantle the annerstus of one-man rule.

Mr Ershad is expected to contest the forthcoming elections. His party is calculating that the opposition groups, whose fierce rivalries have been subsumed into a concerted joint campaign against the government, will now start to argue among themselves.

A wave of vengeance killings has been reported against Mr Ershad's supporters, and the former general has virtually confined himself to the security of his home. Thousands of people gathered at Dhaka international airport to stop government leaders leaving the country. There were angry scenes when it was rumoured that Mr Ershad's wife and son had left the country.

Police said mobs had attacked the former leader's supporters. Earlier this week crowds set fire to his party headquarters in central Dhaka, and the homes of his government ministers have come under attack in the capital and the city of

Chittagong,
Four people were killed
yesterday as the public's anger Punjabi language in official work from December 10. against supporters of the fallen it would not tolerate the government continued to take its toll: Police said that a man was murdered at a rally in central Dhaka. Three others were lynched in southern

In Ayodhya, Hindus For the past two days huge marched on a disputed holy crowds have been celebrating in Dhaka with drums, bugles thousands of security forces, and national flags after Mr Ershad's earlier announce-ment that he would step down assault on an ancient mosque and clear the way for elections. There are widespread demands for Mr Ershad and his supporters to be put on trial.

rounded the building and arrested about 1,200 demonstrators who were later Rumours have been circulating that Mr Ershad may be allowed to leave the The relatively peaceful procountry. Some news agencies reported, however, that he was being confined against his will to his home, which opposition ution to the dispute. The government wants both sides to accept the findings of a judicial inquiry into the hissupplied with a helicopter.



Opening act: Elizabeth Taylor, aged 57, sitting impassively in a Los Angeles court during jury selection in the lawsuit between the actress and her former boyfriend, Henry Wynberg, aged 56. He is seeking a share in profits from her Passion perfume

Brooklyn police get better of pistol-packing kid, aged 3

A THREE-year-old brought an unusual toy to his nursery school class in Brooklyn this week - a .25 calibre automatic pistol. When police disarmed the boy, they found the weapon had one bullet in the chamber ready for firing and three more in the magazine.

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"He was real scared when the police showed up," said a teacher. "He is just a little boy." The toddler, who found the gun in his family car, broke by three years the record for the youngest gunslinger in town. In January, a six-yearold was picked up with a

loaded revolver. The incident prompted little surprise in a city witnessing leaders denied. According to one account, the army had agery that now seems to have agery that now seems to have refused his request to be overwhelmed the police. The

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passed 2,000 on Sunday, the Services Agency says the choir, which numbers 20 behighest in New York's history. Allowing for the traditional tween the ages of five and 15, provides mutual healing. Wilseasonal surge in the killing, liam Spires, aged 11, whose mother was killed by a mur-derer on parole, said: "When about 180 more citizens are expected to be shot or knifed you find out other people went through the same thing, it

to death by New Year's Day. One sad symptom of the violent times is the debut of a makes you feel more sup-port." Mayor David Dinkins group of seasonal songsters called the Children of Homihas unveiled an anti-crime cide Victims' Chorale. To qualify for entry, children must have suffered the loss of package package, which will eventually add 3,000 officers a close family member by to the city's beleaguered police murder. The city's Victims'

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From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

streets of South Africa yesterday in a boisterous demonstration of impatience with the pace of government

Marching under the banners of the African National Congress and the South African Communist Party, tens of thousands of township dwellers converged on President de Klerk's offices in Pretoria, and town halls and police head-quarters in other cities, to demand an interim govern-ment, immediate release of political prisoners, and the early return of exiles.

Despite government warnings that it would deal firmly with intimidation and violence, permission was granted for the demon-strations, the police kept a low profile and no incidents were reported.

The national campaign, under the slogan "peace and freedom now", is the first concerted mass action staged by the ANC since the organisation was unbanned in Febmary, and is due to last until the new year. Planned events include a "mass visit" to Robben Island prison, off Cape Town, and candlelight marches to police stations throughout the country.

A petition delivered to Mr de Klerk's office and police stations yesterday said an upsurge of political violence had demonstrated that apartheid was still in place and (black) people had no access to legislative power. "The time has come — and the time is now - to end the steel ring of apartheid around our neck," it

The document accused the government of failing to recip-rocate after the ANC's suspension of its "armed struggle" by releasing all political prisoners and permitting the return of

The little trust that was beginning to emerge has been wiped out," it said. "Your motives are becoming suspect, and our people are questioning your sincerity and our wisdom in negotiating with

Blacks | Holiday rebels

San Salvador – Left-wing Salvadorean rebels have announced truces in the capital for Christmas Day and New

Year's Day. They were announced by Nidia Diaz, the rebel leader, in an interview with the independent YSKL radio station. A 17-day wave of attacks by the rebel Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front has claimed at least 200 lives and wounded more than 400

people. The rebel leader said: "This is a unilateral truce ... not an agreed one." President Cristiani has said the government would agree to a Christmas

Poll victors flee Rangoon

Rangoon - Ten politicians, who have been accused of trying to set up an illegal government in Burma, have fled from the capital, according to the state-run newspaper, The Working People's Daily.

available in Bangkok. The ten are members of the Burmese National League for Democracy, whose landslide victory in elections in May has been ignored so far by the military rulers of the couplry. (Reuter)

Chinese visit

Peking - Wan Li, aged 74, the chairman of China's parliament, who postponed a visit to Britain last month saying he was ill, has recovered and will make the trip at a later date, a government of-ficial said. (Reuter)

Homeless exile

Yaoundé - Hissène Habré, aged 48, the ousted president of Chad who fled to Cameroon, is looking for a country to grant him asylum, official sources said here. (Rewer)

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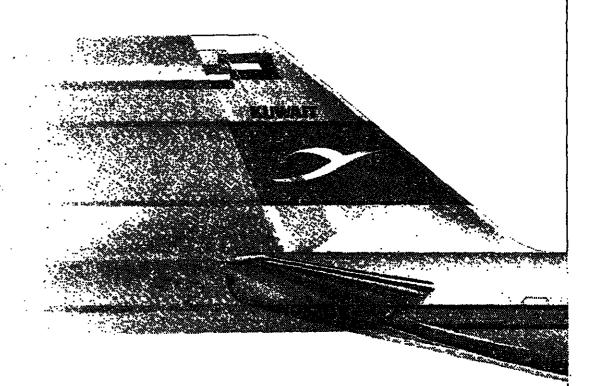


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Cautious Bush says America must keep the pressure on Iraq

welcomed President Saddam's its policy towards a possible reported offer yesterday to conference. In the past, Washase all foreign hostages shift in Baghdad's resolve. "I hope it's credible," Presi-

week-long tour of Latin America. "No single hostage should have been taken in the first place," he said.
"I hope it shows that the

strategy is working and that Saddam understands that his hostage policy has incurred whole world. We have got to keep the pressure on."

Mr Bush's comments came

one day after he had seen "no evidence" that the Iraqi leader was ready to comply fully and unconditionally with United Nations resolutions aimed at ending the conflict without war. He also said he was not optimistic that direct talks between the United States and Iraq would produce a peaceful resolution of the Gulf

President Saddam's concession on the hostages also came after broadcast reports that Washington would support a United Nations Security Council move to call an the Middle East aimed at resolving the dispute over the

Israeli occupied territories.
James Baker, the American Secretary of State, appearing before Congress to discuss the United States' Gulf policy for the second time this week, acting ambassador in Bagh-

m.

THE United States cautiously said America had not shifted ington has made clear it is not held in Iraq but stopped short inflexible towards such a conof saying the move marked a ference, but would only favour one under appropriate cir-cumstances. The Bush admindent Bush said soon after istration has refused to arriving in Santiago during a acquiesce to President Saddam's demands that a resolution of the Gulf conflict be

Baker: policy on possible

linked to a solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"This is certainly not an appropriate time for an international conference." Baker told the House foreign affairs committee. "We are not now recommending that one be held. Nor are we supporting a resolution for the United Nations to convene such a conference.

Later, Mr Baker told the panel that Iraq's foreign ministry had confirmed President Saddam's offer to America's

dad, Joseph Wilson, who telephoned the state department. The Iraqi president issued his offer in a letter to his National Assembly, ordering the parliament to allow the hostages to go home in time for Christmas and the New Year. The White House said it

would do "what is necessary to get our people out" if the offer was true. In his letter, President Saddam said he was seeking the release of the hostages in response to efforts by American congressional Democrats to call a vote on a resolution granting Mr Bush prior approval for war, appeals from Arab leaders and Mr Bush's unexpected invitation last week to hold talks with Iraq's foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, in Washington. Mr Baker is due to travel to

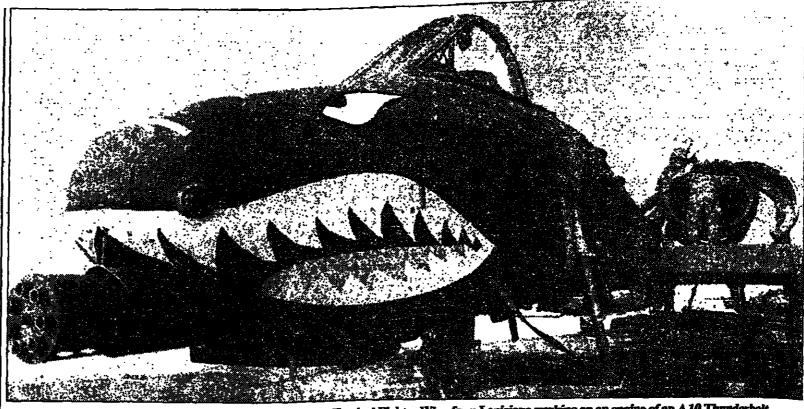
Baghdad to hold talks with President Saddam at an undecided date between December 15 and January 15. The Bush administration has described the high-level mis-sion as Iraq's final and best chance for a peaceful end to the confrontation before a United Nations deadline authorising the use of force if iraqi troops have not pulled out of Kuwait. But it has emphasised the meetings will be talks and not negotiations. President Bush said the

release of hostages would not

pave the way for a face-saving

deal for the Iraqi leader.

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Jaws of war: American air force ground staff of the 23rd Tactical Fighter Wing from Louisiana working on an engine of an A 10 Thunderbott aircraft in Saudi Arabia. Designed to destroy tanks, the plane has a special nose-mounted 30 mm cannon

Initiative gets welcome from Kremlin

cautious welcome to the news that President Saddam had offered to release all Western hostages. The foreign ministry spokesman, Vitali Churkin, said Moscow was checking the report before giving its formal

He had announced earlier that 242 Soviet citizens were being allowed to leave Iraq and that more were expected to leave shortly. Moscow complained last week that Baghdad had broken an agreement to allow 1,000 Soviet specialists and their families to leave lraq during November.

confirmed, will come as welcome relief in Moscow, where the Soviet Union's pro-Western policy is coming under increasing domestic pressure. The original divisions within the military and the foreign policy establishments over the break with Iraq have not healed and the internal situation in the Soviet Union has deteriorated, strengthening the anti-reform lobby.

In the past two weeks, members of the Soviet par-hament have asked for fresh assurances that the Soviet said, echoing the sentiments Union would take no part in of many Russians, "is too The indications of move- any military intervention recent for the public to accept

MOSCOW yesterday gave a ment in the Gulf conflict, if against Iraq and that Soviet renewed military involvement Soviet citizen in Iraq would abroad." troops would not be deployed in the region. President Gorbachev was asked for such assurances as recently as Tuesday, when he answered ques-

> to the constitution. On the same day, the prime minister, Nikolai Ryzhkov, told the semi-official news agency Interfax that he was absolutely opposed to the Soviet Union playing any part in military action in the Gulf. "Our experience in Afghanistan and Czechoslovakia," he

tions in parliament on changes

Not all the objections to Soviet involvement in the use of military force are so innocent, however. Some conceal ulterior domestic political motives, focusing on the status of the Soviet parliament and the person of Eduard Shevardnadze, the foreign minister, who last week cast the Soviet vote in favour of a United Nations Security Council deadline for Iraq to leave Kuwait.

A group of deputies, apparently orchestrated by the conservative-led group, Soyuz (Union), called for Mr Shevardnadze to appear before parliament to explain himself. They claimed his UN vote was tantamount to approval for the use of force and should have been approved in advance by parliament.

This charge was considered serious enough by the foreign ministry to warrant a statement reiterating Soviet policy and the constitutional position. Absolving Mr Shevardnadze of violating the conany Soviet military involvement in the Gulf would have to be approved by parliament. It mentioned an exception which combined a warning to Iraq and a loophole for President Gorbachev.

dent is authorised to act alone port, to undercut the position in an "emergency" and, according to the foreign min- of Mr Shevardnadze, in istry, the harming of a single particular.

constitute such an emergency. So detailed a statement

suggested that the demands voiced by Soyuz had much broader support and that if the Soviet parliament were to vote on the deployment of Soviet troops in the Gulf, it would vote against. Such a vote would reflect not only popular opposition to the use of Soviet troops abroad, but would be seen as an affirmation by parliament of its power - power which many deputies fear will be diminished by President Gorbachev's changes in the

leadership structure. The foreign ministry's sensitivity to criticism of Soviet Gulf policy was shown again on Wednesday, when an antiwar demonstration by 30 people outside the foreign ministry was taken seriously enough to warrant a foreign ministry representative receiving leaders of the demonstration. The demonstration was organised by the Allnational Russian Committee. an alliance that Soyuz has stitution, the statement said forged with more moderate sections of the Communist Party and non-party groups in the cause of "saving the

COUNTRY The Soyuz group and its allies appear to be using the Gulf issue, where they can According to this, the presi- command much public supof the the foreign ministry and

Testing times at Armageddon dress rehearsal

From Christopher Walker in Dhahran

oining your first instruction course in the use of the NCB (nuclear, chemical, biological) suits that many of the 300,000-strong allied forces waiting for possible battle in the Saudi desert have to wear in combat is a sure way of appreciating

the troops' feelings.
Yesterday I joined a class of 20 Westerners being shown by a British expert how to operate the unwieldy suits and the various macabre gadgets that go with them, including the so-called "combi-- needles with which you inject belladonna into your leg in the event of being caught in an

attack without warning. "Never waste your own combi-pens to inject a colleague already affected by chemical agents; just try to get him to hospital as quickly as possible," were told. Also to be carried at all times were relaxant pilis, known as Naps - nerve agent pretreatment set.

The course was one of scores in Saudi Arabia, where the NCB suit has overtaken the gold-plated Cadillac as the preferred status symbol. One British company, Avon Industrial Polymers, has sold more than 50,000 at \$650 (£340) each since the Gulf confrontation began.

Because of the necessity of having a correct-fitting respirator, some journal-ists have shaved off their beards to increase safety. Others have taken to daily rehearsals with their unfamiliar clothing in their hotel rooms. A Dhahran firm, Alruqee, which advertised American-made Chemrel Max NCB suits ("the ultimate chemical protection") in the Arab News has been in-

undated with orders. It is estimated that masks must be donned

curresciuly within nine

seconds to guarantee safety in the event of Armageddon. Minutes after opening the camouflage suit exported from Britain, I was told by the instructor that the respirator was a size too small, therefore useless, and my spare filter (a potential life-saver) lacked its essential vacuum

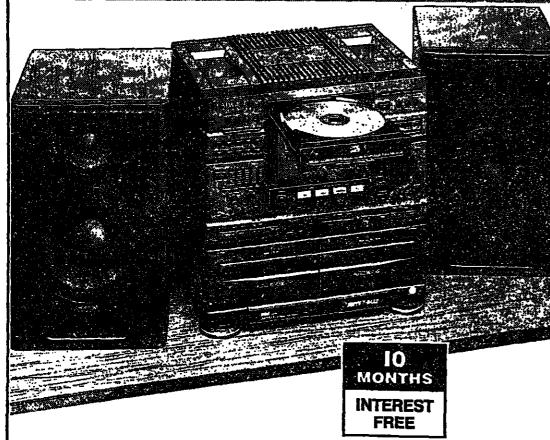
If the black plastic straw connected to the water bottle broke, we were to shut our eyes, breathe in, pull up the respirator, drink, pull it back, breathe out and shout "Gas, gas, gas", in that order (I think). Although the NCB suits may be complex, their possession is regarded as more valuable now than the gold to be found in the neighbouring souks. "If real trouble begins, people may have to shoot to keep those without suits and masks trying to grab them from those who have them," a military official said.

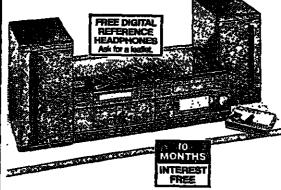
The Saudi authorities claim they will be able to give five minutes' warning of an incoming Scud, but Western experts doubt

epending on the Chemical agent, the Suit can give protection for many hours. incongruous looking pads of fuller's earth are provided to decontaminate parts of the body which might get exposed, with the method, to be learnt by rote, of "biot, bang, rub". Bits of paper which turn red, amber or green depending on which chemical is dripping on of wafting around are also provided, but glue to 31tach them to the suit must be provided by the wearer. As well as facing the additional hazard of incoming fire, combat troops wearing the suits in the field must also wear body armour and Iwo

layers of clothing beneath

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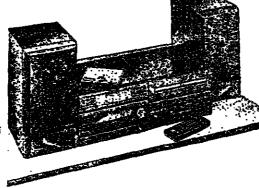


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Baghdad loses its hostages gamble

THE decision by President different nationalities, in an Saddam Hussein to release all attempt to curry favour with foreign hostages immediately selected countries. Although is more than just a clever he freed some Americans and "goodwill" propaganda ploy. British, he focused particu-

the presence of hostages in Kuwait and Iraq will not from attacking his forces. prevent the Americans from German and French hostages attacking his forces. President Bush and other Western leaders have always made it clear 262 French hostages to go that the hostages could not be home as a reward for what he a deterrent to an attack.

policy, President Saddam clearly believed he would buy himself time, giving him a chance to build up his defences in Kuwait in preparation for an American attack. Now he has released them before he has finished his task. Iraqi troops are still extending the obstacle belt of back home also incurred the mines, wire and sand berms wrath of all governments who (mounds), across into southern Iraq, to prevent an allied coalition. The traffic became

have never yet been in a mer West German chancellor, position to go on the offen- on his way out bumped into sive. Two months after the Anker Jorgensen, the former invasion of Kuwait, the US Danish prime minister, on his had only 100,000 troops in the region. Although offensive region. Although offensive President Waldheim of planning has been under way Austria broke the taboo on for several weeks, the US forces will not be ready to mount an attack until January 15, the deadline set by the UN Security Council resolution, authorising force.

bunkers, President Saddam Nakasone, the former Japahas been a keen follower of nese prime minister, David CNN, the American television Lange, the former New Zeanetwork. So, assuming his land prime minister. staff provide him with Arabic transcripts each day, he will have been under no illusion that his hostage policy was winning him few friends.

The Iraqi leader appears to larly on countries he hoped have convinced himself that would have influence in restraining President Bush

were selected for this purpose. Last month Iraq allowed all saw as French interest in a When he began his "human peaceful settlement. While each country welcomed the troops would take part in an

offensive, if there was a war. The arrival of eminent but retired politicians in Baghdad to bring planeloads of hostar were members of the anti-liraq so heavy that earlier this In reality, the Americans month Willy Brandt, the forway in at Baghdad airport.

direct contact with President Saddam and made a much criticised visit to Baghdad in August, securing the release of 96 Austrians. After that there was no stopping what read like Although he spends most of an international Who's Whohis time in one of half a dozen Edward Heath, Yasuhiro

The timing of President Saddam's decision to free all the hostages has everything to do with the planned visit to Baghdad of James Baker, US He thought he could release secretary of state. The Iraqi them in small groups of leader will be able to tell him



designated hotels for dispatch

older Western diplomats but ultimately he hasn't blown Roger Owen, of St Antony's College, Oxford, said that now negotiations looked feasible.

Force threat still hangs over Saddam

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Corresponden

the threat of force against leave. As he welcomed the Office sources advise Britons news from Baghdad, both he in hiding in Kuwait to remain and the prime minister told under cover until it is clear the Iraqi leader that he should they will be allowed to leave. still withdraw unconditionally legitimate government to

Mr Hurd told the Commons: "If President Saddam Hussein does not comply in full with the security council resolutions, then he will be forced to do so. If he does comply, he will not be

At the same time John Major welcomed the apparent decision as wonderful news for hostages and families who had endured so much. The prime minister added: "I would be even happier when they are actually back in the country, both those in Iraq and those still in Kuwait. "It is something we have

always pressed for ... and this would implement just one of the steps of the UN Security Council resolutions. Saddam Hussein still has to withdraw totally and unconditionally from Kuwait and the legitimate government must be

In a statement to MPs, Mr Hurd said: "We are delighted

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign help those concerned to get secretary, said last night that home as soon as practicable. Aircraft are ready to collect President Saddam Hussein the 1,100 British nationals in remained, despite his promise Kuwait and Iraq if they are to allow foreign hostages to allowed home. But Foreign

Gerald Kaufman, the shadfrom Kuwait and allow the ow foreign secretary, also welcomed the move. "We share in the rejoicing of the families

of the hostages."
It was Iraq's "first positive response" to the UN demands and raised the possibility of talks between the US and Iraq bearing fruit. "Since the inhumane purpose of holding these hostages was to use them as a human shield in the event of war, this decision may carry important implications for

lraqi policy," he said.
"It's clear evidence that sanctions are working and should be given a chance to work further to bring about, if possible, the withdrawal of Iraq from Kuwait by peaceful

Mr Hurd said he "could not possibly predict" how long it would take for all the hostages to be released. He hoped those in hiding would also be allowed to leave. The Government was trying to clarify the position with lraq.

Sir David Steel, the foreign affairs spokesman of the Liberal Democrats, said alfor all the hostages and their though there was rejoicing for families." Britain would be the hostages there should be actively seeking early clarifica- no vote of thanks for Presition of arrangements for their dent Saddam for undoing departure. "We will then do something he should not have everything in our power to done in the first place.

Elated families say prayers have been answered

By DAVID YOUNG

THE news of the plan to analyst at a Kuwaiti bank, release all hostages was greeted with undisguised elation at the headquarters of the Gulf Support Group. Many of the staff manning the belpline at their offices in Kingsway, central London, are relatives

Officially, the group greeted the news with "cautious op-timism". But one of the staff, Sue Dorrington, aged 43, from Chingford, London, whose husband David, also aged 43, is held in Baghdad, could not contain her emotion. She said: 'I'm over the moon. It's what we've prayed and prayed for." Mr Dorrington, a systems

Hope for jailed

HOPES were rising after President Saddam's announcement for the early release of Brian Duffy, the 44year-old Ulsterman sentenced in Baghdad on Wednesday to one year's imprisonment for attempting to leave Iraq with-

The MP for South Down, Eddie McGrady, was in the Iraqi embassy to intercede on his constituent's behalf when the news that all hostages were free to leave came through. "It was a very exciting time

and there was great pleasure among everyone concerned that such a happy announcement could be made. I was able to pass on the news to hostages' relatives with visas who were preparing to fly out on Monday. It was very exciting and happy to see thier

faces light up."

Mr McGrady had hoped to see the ambassador, but said he had a fruitful and hopefully very positive" meeting with the minister plenipoten-tiary about Mr Duffy's case. "It is ironic and sad that for the sake of 24 hours he has been sentenced to a year in jail and is not free to leave like the

Mr McGrady said the Iraqi minister had responded pos-itively and helpfully to his request that he appeal to Baghdad for Mr Duffy's release on humanitarian grounds. "It gives me some confidence that in the not too distant future things will turn out all right, the Social Democratic and Labour Party

Mr Duffy, from Ardglass, County Down, travelled to Iraq earlier this year on an Irish passport to work with one of two Ulster firms building President Saddam's £15 million new palace in

He was arrested with four of Baghdad. his colleagues on Iraq's northern border with Syria three months ago as they attempted to escape, but only he has been

went into hiding after the Iraqis invaded, but was picked up two weeks ago and taken to

Mrs Dorrington spoke to her husband on the telephone for just 30 seconds yesterday. "He said 'Have you heard the news? and I said Yes, all hell's breakin here'." She added: "Everything is total confusion. I'm so excited, I can't get my breath. If it happens, it will be absolutely marvellous. It's what we all wanted and have been fighting for, not just one

or two, but all of them." Deborah Pepper, aged 25, from Stafford, said the news that her husband John, a 29 year-old British Airways employee, will be coming home is fantastic. She is among a group of 30 wives who were due to fly to Jordan on Sunday and then on to Baghdad to plead for their husbands' release. They are now considering whether they will make

the trip to help celebrate.

The women, whose husbands were on the BA flight which landed in Kuwait on the day the Iraqis invaded, have been given visas for Iraq but have now been advised that they should not travel this weekend. Mrs Pepper said:
"John was moved from Ku-wait to Baghdad and since last week I have had daily contact with him. I even spoke to him at 6 am this morning and he obviously hadn't a clue about what was going to be

announced." Mrs Brenda Fort, whose husband, David, is an offshore drilling engineer who was a passenger on board, said: "If by going out there I can get my husband home quicker I will go, but we will have to wait to get advice from the Foreign Office before making up our minds.

"The news so far has been wonderful. I did not know how my husband was until Monday of this week when I was finally told that he was in a hotel in Baghdad and I was able to phone him there. He is in very good spirits and hopes to be home to Kent before

The passengers had been kept in Kuwait for three weeks before being bussed to Baghdad late in August. They have been in a hotel but it was only on Monday that the Foreign Office was able to let relatives know of the exact whereabouts of the men.

Andy Charles, of the Gulf Support Group, said that there would be "severe logistical problems" in getting them home. He said: "It's going to take a long time to fly people out and it's going to take a long time to persuade people in hiding that it's safe to come out. We are talking to the Iraqi Embassy and also the Foreign Office, trying to get as much information as we can."

British Airways immediately said that aircraft were ready to the Gulf to pick up freed hostages as soon as they





Queue here for execution

Philip Howard

lass distinction is alive and well. It has merely changed its clothes. Not many people want to be a duke these days (or at any rate, not many admit to it, though I can think of one or two who would like it a lot, each of them quite unsuitable); the term "gentle-man" is something musty, and difficult to use other than ironically, facetiously, or with some other spir given to it, in the way that the English do by intonation and eyebrow. The same applies to 'lady". "I don't believe in class differences, but luckily my butler disagrees with me," as the old buffer said in the Marc cartoon. But that was some years ago. We are all middle-class now, or at any rate aspiring to the state. Those with private incomes tend to keep quiet about them, rather than splash

become modest and uncompetitive. What we all want to be these days is not a duke, or a courtier, or a gent, or a lady - but an executive. We carry shiny black briefcases, and filofaxes, and portable telephones, and top pockets full of serious pens, as outward and visible badges of our executivedom. Old lady to yuppie self-importantly telephoning his "personal assistant" about some piffling matter on the Bristol flyer: "If you must do that disgusting thing on the train, young man, please do it in the toilet." We have invented executive toys, which can mean anything from worry beads to clashing balls. The important thing is that they should look expensive and exclusive.

But we have not all suddenly

The latest edition of Chambers recognises the new weasel word, by defining "executive" as, "for the use of business executives, hence (loosely) expensive, sophisticated". Pompous tycoon in New Yorker cartoon: "This is my executive suite and this is my executive vice-president, Ralph Anderson, and my executive secretary, Adele Eades, and my executive desk and my executive carpet and my executive waste-paperbasket and my executive ashtray and my executive pen set and my ...

Anyone who now travels by air at his own expense (and therefore, it goes without saying, in the cheaper seats) cannot fail to have noticed the capacious seats, free drinks, expensive food, "com-plimentary" newspapers, and so on, enjoyed by those travelling in executive and club classes at the expense of their companies and their shareholders. It is becoming increasingly difficult for nonexecutive citizens to get a seat at Wimbledon, Lord's, Twicken-ham, or even blessed St James's Park, because the space is occupied by executive suites for corporate hospitality, i.e. posh private bars dispensing G & Ts to foot-fault from a sidestep, even when the wind is southerly. Selfimportant executive journalists

tickets "upgraded". In the High-lands the prime shooting rights are all taken for executive and corporate entertaining these days, so pushing the prices beyond the pockets of ordinary, non-exec-

Executive is our new snob and weasel word. This is odd, since it is generally agreed in offices that an cutive is somebody who talks to the visitors and goes out to lunch, while others do the work. It is such a colourless little word to have acquired such high and mighty connections. It comes from the modest Latin word exsequor, exsecutus, which merely means to do something, to carry something out. Cicero: "Hurrying to execute your instructions." Earlier in this century, as businesses grew bigger, executive was introduced (in the United States at first) to replace businessman and man of affairs, as the name for somebody with some brief authority in an organisation.

All it really means is somebody who gets things done. And we all do that, to some extent, unless we are full-time couch potatoes. And even then we are executives when we press the button to change channels (if we can find the tellyzapper). Executive is just the latest example of the old English game of snobbery and euphemism, by which a plumber is called a bathroom designer consultant, and a rat catcher a pest extermination manager. Everybody who does anything, from taking over a bank to bringing round new paperclips, is literally an exec-utive. It is just that some people have more to execute than others. The equivalent devalued word in newspapers is editor. There used to be just one editor, and his subordinates were called reporters, writers, and sub-editors. Now any rag worth its 35p has at least 30 editors, with responsibilities ranging from pop to knickers.

The process has inevitably devalued the word. When everyone is somebodee, then no one's anybody. And all shall equal be: the Earl, the Marquis, and the Dook, the Groom, the Butler and the Cook, the Executive who banks with Coutts, the Executive who cleans the boots. It is a suitable word for such aggrandisement, being as adaptable as Plasticine. Execute, after all, is the word we have used for five centuries as a euphemism for the judicial capital punishment of somebody (and there's another euphemism). The Nazis used "executive measure", Executiv-massnahme, as a cuphemism for a political murder. It is a classic weasel word, whose hard meaning can be denied long after the corpses are counted. I think that less evasive words, such as joiner, hack, secretary, accountant, are more honourable job descriptions - as well as more honest.

...and moreover

Alan Coren

one of this would be a hurried on (for graveyards have problem if the cat didn't have a cerebrum. Because it has a cerebrum, it is capable of rational thought, and because it is capable of rational thought, it may well have a reason for doing what it does. I need to discover what it is.

Until yesterday morning, I knew neither that cats had cerebra, nor that they could mull things over with them. Cats' brains were a closed book to me, before I opened The Concise Encyclopaedia of Cats. I found it in Child's Hill Public Library, while the cat waited outside. When I came out again, the cat looked up at me, so I showed it the book, because, by dint of a cursory flip while the librarian did her stuff, I had by that time discovered that it had a cerebrum, and I wanted to keep it abreast of developments. Then I walked home. The cat followed. It's about a mile.

"Do you have a lot of cats?" the librarian had enquired, stamping.
"None," I replied. "But one's

been following me for three days. I thought I'd try to find "It loves you," said the librarian. "They do that, with

carpeople. "I am not a catperson," I said,
The librarian smiled a catperson's smile, "You may not
think you are," she said.

The cat had picked me up on Monday morning. I was taking my usual short-cut home through Hampstead Cemetery, and I had paused at the mottled eadstone of Vitruvius Wyatt (1824-1897) to wonder why anyone should be christened Vitruvius, when the cat came out from behind it. It was a predominantly black cat, but with a half-white face - as if Andrew Lloyd Webber, having wisely concluded that his musical bucket could not go twice to the well, had decided to tailor

his ambitions to The Cat of the Opera — and a white tail. I paid it no attention, and strolled on. It strolled after. When I stopped at the tomb of James Clarke, landlord of Jack Straw's Castle, to regret that nobody in 1913 had mustered the facetiousness to chisel Time. Please! above his remains, the ofa... cat stopped, too. And when I

shops. It sat outside three of

them, then it walked back at my

heels. I stopped at West Hamp-

stead nick, and went in to ask if

anyone had reported a lost cat, but they said they didn't do cats,

it's bad enough doing dogs, try

sticking a note on the gate, so I

came out again, and the cat got

off the bonnet of a Panda and

fell back in step. It spent the

afternoon outside my front door

again, was gone at midnight,

and back on Wednesday morn-

ing. We walked to the library.

the only book we borrowed. We

also took out Desmond Mor-

ris's Catwatching and, God help us, Beverley Nichols's Cats A-Z.

Useless, the pair of them: Mr Morris has 60 chapters with

titles like Why do Cats Eat

Grass? and Why does a Cat Wag

its Tail? but you will search in vain for Why does a Cat Follow

You up the Pub? and Beverley

Nichols says F stands for fur. Since he also says the best way

to appreciate a cat's fur is to

have a candle-lit dinner with

it, I saw little point in in-

vestigating what he had entered

under P. The odds against Beverley and his moggie ever

having tied a few on at the

Cricklewood Tavern seemed

somewhat long. It is Thursday morning as I

front step, and I do not know

what to do next. I had planned

to take a walk across Hamp-

stead Heath, but as it is gen-

erally full of tattooed blokes

with alsatians and Rottweilers

at their heels. I should feel a bit

A bit of a catperson.

rite, the cat is back on the

The encyclopaedia was not

a way of suddenly reminding you not to hang about) the cat likewise put boot to throttle. I arrived home, and it stopped at the step: I opened the front door, but it showed no inclination to enter. It was not after food or shelter. What was it It sat there all day, but whether it vanished with the gloaming or merely because of it, I did not notice. Certainly, it had gone by midnight, when I put out the empty milk bottles; but when I took in the full ones on Tuesday morning, it was back. It did not stir until noon, when I walked a mile to the

Peter Stothard, US Editor, on the shrewd manipulation of a nation shrinking from war

Saddam hits the American nerve

President Saddam Hussein has shown an impressive grasp of the American mind. His announcement of an end to hostage-holding removes the most potent irritant that might have prodded his enemy into a popular war. Without some "profound irritation", as George Kennan pointed out 40 years ago, Ameri-can citizens are by nature reluctant to take up arms. Since he wrote those words, their truth has been hidden by the threat of communism, a permanent spur to American preparedness to fight. But they have remained true.

The transformation in international affairs caused by communism's fall has become a cliché of every second-rate speechifier. But the depth of the hole which the events of 1989 have left in American arguments for war has still not been fully mapped. This week the Bush administration has come up hard against Kennan's rule: no single uneasy sensation seeping into the people's consciousness, no heart for a popular war.

Since August - and with quickening rhetoric in recent days - Mr Bush's top advisers have done their best with logic and argument to persuade Americans and their representatives in Congress that the threat of imminent war against Iraq must be maintained. But the critical reason for a fight still eludes the presidential grasp. James Baker, the Secretary of

State, gave one of the most powerful performances of his life before the Senate foreign relations committee on Wednesday, arguing that Saddam was a singularly dangerous man, threatening a singularly important part of the world at a singularly important time in history. The main result, however, was an emboldened response by Democrat critics calling for sanctions to be given more time, for greater sensitivity to fraq's diplomatic overtures and for greater consideration of the likely aftermath of war.

Washington political analysts are locked in a debate about whether American scenticism about war is caused by a failure of the president to articulate his policy, or a popular rejection of a policy which is understood all too well. Saddam's view of this argument is now clear. He senses that America understands its president, is not concerned about the dismemberment of the people and polity of Kuwait, will not fight for "international order", and might be moved only by the sense that Saddam is stupidly inflexible over the fate of Americans.

By saying that he will release his hostages (even with all the ambiguity that his statement contains) Saddam is showing that he reacts favourably to "positive changes", such as the president's decision to exchange top-level envoys in the next few weeks. The message to the American people is that they need no longer worry about the hostages. The message to Congress is that if Iraq can be flexible on one of the American demands, maybe, with more time, it will be flexible on others: the future of Kuwait and its roling family.

Saddam needs time. He faces an adversary whose military machine has a momentum that somehow he must stall. Democratic leaders in Congress say that they fear a warpath like that in 1914, when the rail-mobilisation of troops and artillery put peace and war in the hands of those who had fixed the railway timetables. But the Iraqi leader has reason to fear that prospect more than does any liberal senator.

The momentum of diplomacy is also strong. But Saddam knows that talking will not by itself stop war, and indeed, as it did before the battle for the Falklands, may become more intense as the date for fighting grows closer. His best hope is to use diplomacy both to exploit American domestic weakness and to divide the international alliance against him. Yesterday's news was signifi-

cant in both respects. In addition to the promise of hostage releases. the exaggeration of American ideas for an international peace conference brought disturbance among the allies, raising the notion that Saddam may be given some indirect incentive to leave Kuwaiti territory. This immediately brought Israel from the wings of the drama, where the United States wants it to stay, to

centre stage. The bigger worry for the White House, however, is still the misbetween the president's grand aspirations for American leadership in the new world order, and the reluctance of his critics to judge these aspirations worthy of

war. There is a growing partisan-ship surrounding the Gulf confrontation. During the Senate hearings on Capitol Hill, influential military figures, including two former chairmen of the joint chiefs of staff, have fed Democratic appetites to embarrass the president. Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia would have to be a saint, which he is not, to ignore the prospective benefits to his own presidential ambitions of appearing to bring America back from the brink of an unpopular war. As one White House aide put it: "This is one more chance that the Democrats see to make George Bush a oneterm president."

If war comes, with thousands of American casualties, all would-be occupants of the White House want to be able to say "we warned you"; if a defeat of Saddam is followed by a resurgence of Iranian or Syrian aggression, ditto; and if the American triumph is total, the Democrats will still be able to say that their congressional leaders played their full part as laid down by the constitution. Saddam Hussein has become a first-class student of American political

Haughey the first casualty of a quiet revolution in Ireland

day of Mary Robinson as President of Ireland presents a remarkable combination of "firsts": first womanpresident, of course; first president not nominated by Fianna Fail; first person elected to any office in the republic to be publicly welcomed by the Grand Master of the Orange Order (the Rev Martin Smith); first president whose inauguration reception was attended by a leading Northern Unionist

The last two distinctions came about because during her campaign Mrs Robinson indicated that she favours amendment of Articles 2 and 3 of the republic's constitution, which implicitly lay claim to the territory of Northern Ireland. The two other presidential candidates, interestingly, did not attack her over this statement, but remained non-committal. As a result both of Mrs Robinson's statement and of the reticence of her opponents, opposition parties in the Dail have been emboldened to take up this subject, hitherto taboo as far as practical politics were concerned. This week, the orkers' party, on the far left of Irish electoral politics, tabled a resolution for a referendum on the amendment of these articles.

The new leader of Fine Gael, the traditional right wing of Irish politics, supported the resolution, as did the Labour party. Fianna Fail is opposed and its coalition partners, the Progressive Democrats, do not favour any immediate decision, so the articles will not go to a referendum in this parhamentary session or probably in the lifetime of the present Dail.

That is probably just as well, for the form of amendment proposed by the Workers' party is unsatisfactory. A BBC report described the amendment as removing the republic's "territorial claim" over Northern Ireland. Unfortunately. this is just what the proposed amendment does not do. It would retain the present Article 2, which defines "the national territory" as the whole island of Ireland, its land and the territorial seas". In effect, it would suspend the de facto implementation of that de jure insistence until such time as a majority of the people of Northern



Conor Cruise O'Brien on the tide of change licking round Ireland's territorial imperatives, and its leader

Ireland agrees to the proposition. The amendment conflates Article 2 of the constitution with Article 1a of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. As this would make explicit the implicit tightening of the north-south relationship that Unionists condemned in Article la, amendment of the constitution along the lines proposed this week would be unlikely to win over Unionist hearts and minds. Still. some ground has been gained, and a taboo has been broken. A satisfactory amendment may yet emerge out of the committee deliberations sensibly proposed by

the Progressive Democrats. In the meantime, the dramatic course of the presidential election has been having repercussions throughout Irish politics. Fine Gael, displeased by the poor showing of its candidate, Austin Currie, has dismissed its leader, Alan Dukes. From the moment of his election, the new leader, John Bruton - hitherto vaguely regarded as right wing - has taken a liberal stance, not only favouring a referendum on Articles 2 and 3 but also urging a referendum on the much hotter issue of the constitutional prohibition of any legislation permitting divorce.

It is only a few years since Fine Gael was defeated in a referendum on this issue - by two thirds of those voting, in a low poll - so this is a bold initiative. It was undoubtedly stimulated by the results of the presidential campaign, in which Mrs Robinson's opponents made a pitch in the direction of the anti-divorce lobby, and came surprisingly unstuck.

The most important repercussions of the presidential campaign are being felt in the camp of the biggest loser: Figure Fail. This week the standard of revolt against the leadership of Charles J. Haughey was raised by Brian Lenihan, Fianna Fail's presidential candidate, who was dismissed from the coalition government during the campaign by Mr Haughey (under pressure from his coalition partners the Progressive Democrats) after Mr Lenihan was caught out in what the public

perceived as a lie. This week Mr Lenihan's constituency party, in Dublin West, called on Mr Haughey to reinstate Mr Lenihan in the government (in which he served as deputy premier). Mr Haughey is most un-likely to do this, for it would mean

the downfall of his government. Dublin West says that if Mr Lenihan is not reinstated it will nominate him for the presidency of the Fianna Fail party, a post

now held by Mr Haughey. What Dublin West decides might not matter much if Mr Lenihan had personally distanced himself from its proceedings, but he has not. On the contrary, a spokesman for him has said: "Mr Lenihan will not rule out the possibility that he might allow his name to go forward." This, as Mr Haughey must clearly see, is Lenihan-speak for: "I'm running, and that man had better

even years ago, when a majority in Fianna Fail wanted to get rid of Mr Haughey, they were de-terred by pressure from the party's grassroots. This time, the revolt against Mr Haughey is beginning at the grassroots. If Mr Lenihan's support, which is precarious, holds up. Mr Haughey cannot survive nolitically into the spring.

Mr Lenihan is hugely popular, and Mr Hanghey lost caste, in terms of Fianna Fail tribal values. by dismissing him at the behest of coalition partners, renegades from Fianna Fail. The party conference is scheduled for spring. If Mr Lenihan is still in good health, he should defeat Mr Haughey for the presidency of Fianna Fail. Rather than face such a catastrophic conference, the parliamentary party may pre-empt the dreadful day by providing itself with a new

party leader. Nothing can now save Mr Haughey politically, provided Mr Lenihan's health holds into the spring. And even if the immediate threat from Mr Lenihan can somehow be staved off. Mr Haughey's departure cannot be long delayed. He is now a burden to Fianna Fail, as well as to the rest of the country. Mary Robinson's victory has been, for him, the beginning of the end. And events next door have not helped him. The fall of Mrs Thatcher, who came to power in the same year as Mr Haughey, has set some important Fianna Fail people thinking about matters previously unthinkable.

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After the fall...

an Grist, the MP sacked earlier this week from his job as a Welsh minister, is about to wreak an obscure revenge on the Tory party. He is suing for compensation — not for loss of earnings or unfair dismissal, but for the pain he has suffered since tumbling down some steps at the Conservative club in his Cardiff

constituency.
Grist, who supported Michael Heseltine during the Tory leader-ship contest and appears to have paid the price, has been limping around the Commons since July with a walking stick. He broke his

I should have been nicer to them on the way up

leg, lacerated his arm and damaged some ribs in the fall, which happened during a lull in his constituency surgery. "I decided to go and have a look in the cellar," he says. "The next thing I knew I had gone headlong down

the steps."
Freed from the constraints of office and still nursing a sore leg, Grist feels he deserves financial

tion would be appropriate," he says. "The club secretary has said that he would expect some compensation if he were the one

who had fallen." If the matter goes all the way to the courts, local party officials would aimost certainly become involved, which could lead to some interesting confrontations in court, for the constituency party secretary is Grist's wife, Wendy. This could give new meaning to the often expressed desire of departing ministers to spend more time with their families.

Gulf rumbles

book by the former press secretary to President Kennedy is about to add to President Bush's troubles over the Gulf by claiming that the confrontation could have been avoided had it not been for

Washington's bungling.
In La Guerre du Golfe: Le Dossier Secret, the first serious book on the invasion of Kuwait, Pierre Salinger and French author Eric Laurent outline how Washington initially misread what was happening in Iraq. Salinger, now the London-based chief foreign correspondent of ABC News, says: I have no doubt that when they have read our evidence, people will conclude that the crisis could have been avoided.

The book, to be published in Paris on Monday, will also embar-rass officials in Britain, where as yet there are no plans for publica-tion. With Alan Clark, who is now a defence minister, still under the shadow of accusations that he helped British firms to undermine the arms embargo on Iraq, Sal-inser's book lists 207 companies

he says have assisted Iraq's mili-

tary build-up.

"These companies helped sup-ply chemical warfare weapons and equipment for the development of a nuclear capability," he says. "The Germans head the list, followed by the French and Americans. But there are about ten British companies as well." Salinger declines to name them before publication, but he predicts a heated international debate.

Rushdie bonus

alman Rushdie's brief breaking of cover to sign books at Waterstone's in Hampstead on Wednesday has provided the lucky purchasers with a bonus far in excess even of that available to investors in electricity shares. About 100 people queued to pay £12.99 for signed copies of Haroun and the Sea of Stories. According to Roy Davids, head of Sotheby's book department, Rushdie's signature immediately resulted in a 1,000 per cent markup in the value of the books. Those who asked Rushdie to date

"A gioned and dated copy could

the book will enjoy an additional

fetch £150," says Davids. "Rushdie's plight is unique and that is reflected in the price of signed copies." Signed copies of The Satanic Verses change hands for up to £300, says Davids. "The longer he is in hiding the more valuable his work becomes."

● The military-industrial complex that President Eisenhower complained about 30 years ago is alive and well and meeting in Palm Springs, California, next week, A three-day conference, addressed by generals, economists and captains of industry, will examine "new opportunities" for companies facing slow business because of the end of the cold war. The billing shows prescience. "Desert warfare", it reads "... can you afford to miss it?

Ecu maniacal

mail order company this week became the first British firm to offer its customers the option of paying in ecus. National Westminster already allows customers to open bank accounts in ecus. Advocates are busy outlining plans for an interchangeable sterling/ecu coinage, as, for instance, Sir Leon Brittan did on this page last Thursday. The ecu thus seems a coin whose time has come. But has anyone really thought through the difficulties?

At current exchange rates, coin experts point out, a £5 note would be fixed at, say, 7 ecus. If someone then spends £2.95, they expect in change £2.05 — or 2.87 ecus. This would mean that ecu coins would need to divide down to at least one hundredths, with the 0.01 ecu coin having the memorable figure of 0.714 pence stamped on its reverse. The 20p coin would be worth 0.28 ecus and the 5p coin 0.07 ecus.

Fortunately the Royal Mint at present has no intention of having any truck with such a farce. "The French, Belgians and Irish already have a commemorative ecu, but the British are lagging behind on this one. There are no plans whatsoever," it says.

Hommes terribles

fler extensive deliberation. A France's first Grand Prix de la Misogynie has been awarded to the sports magazine l'Equipe for persistently ignoring and downgrading the sporting achievements of women. The award commemorates the late (and much married) prince of misogyny, the actor Sacha Guitry, whose favourite saying was: "If women were good, God would have been one."

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Among the runners-up for the award was the French minister of the interior, Pierre Joxe, honoured for his instruction that France's policewomen should wear high heels while on duty. Co-incidentally, France has just honoured a female guardian of the law, Martine Monteil, head of the Paris vice-squad, as its woman of the year. Whether she teeters on stilettos is not recorded.

Britain, alas, has no misogyny award, although if one existed, Peter Sissons's remarks about women on television and John Major's exclusion of women from his cabinet might make them strong runners. The Diary accordingly offers a prize for the best nomination for British Misogy-

nist of 1990.

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NO THANKS TO SADDAM

Neither the western hostages in Iraq nor their relieved families owe President Saddam Hussein any gratitude for deciding to release more than 2,700 of his "guests". He should never have held them in the first place. A few have died in captivity, many have been physically maltreated, all have suffered psychological anguish, shared by their families and friends. The price originally set on their heads was, quite simply, the world's acquiescence in Iraq's seizure of Kuwait.

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For 111 days, Saddam has illegally ignored a binding UN resolution, 663, which ordered their immediate release. Saddam's offer of "apologies for harm and forgiveness from God Almighty" is no compensation. If he now yields them up, that is a tribute to the firmness of most governments in the face of a return to medieval standards of international relations.

Saddam's promises are worth nothing. Even this good news should be treated with circumspection until the last hostage has left Iraq. If they all go free, Saddam will have made his first retreat since August 2. But he has still given no indication that he is prepared to bow to the rest of the United Nations' demands, and withdraw totally and unconditionally from Kuwait. Yesterday's volte-face may be based on the cynical calculation that the hostages' detention has inspired such universal disgust that their release is now more likely to soften Western opinion for a compromise which would allow him to keep all or part of Kuwait. His letter to lraq's rubber-stamp national assembly says only that the hostages have served their purpose, buying Iraq time to complete its mobilisation.

This decision is not without risks for Baghdad. Western leaders have rightly insisted throughout that the existence of hostages could not be allowed to determine military decisions, but there is no doubting the weight their release will lift from commanders' shoulders. Saddam has surrendered a diplomatic and a military card. A man who has performed one U-turn can perform more. However slender the chance that he has begun to understand the certainty of military defeat, the right response must be, as President Bush said yesterday, to intensify the military and diplomatic pressure on him to throw in his hand in Kuwait.

There is no case for yet more visits to Baghdad. The trickle through Saddam's palace of out-of-work dignitaries has served only to

convince Iraq's dictator that he was not isolated from world opinion, and as such has increased the risk of war. The texts of the UN resolutions are clear and require no elaboration by emissaries. The voice which matters is now that of the American administration. Only President Bush and his secretary of state, James Baker, are capable of driving home to Saddam the imminence of the "sudden, massive strike" Mr Baker has said will be the alternative to peaceful surrender of Kuwait.

Democracies do not go easily to war. Since August 2 the Bush administration, with only occasional tremors, has kept a remarkably steady track, combining vast military mobilisation with sedulous cultivation of diplomatic support, culminating in last week's UN resolution authorising the use of force. A third of the world's nations have given financial or military support to the coalition ranged against Iraq. That coalition is now militarily credible. The strategy may be within sight of paying off. But Mr Bush has difficulties on the home front and hence the decision to hold direct talks with Iraq.

Those talks may not lead anywhere but to war. Their purpose is to reassure American and allied opinion that the US has done everything in its power to make sanctions effective and to convince Saddam of the intensity of the American commitment to its police action. This is diplomacy at its most desperate. At a moment such as this, others should abstain from touting so-called "compromise solutions". Mr Bush insists that "there are no secret deals, direct or indirect", Mr Baker that the only carrot in his briefcase is that "if he gets out he doesn't get the stick".

Even Iraq's unconditional withdrawal and the restoration of Kuwait's legal government would do no more than meet the UN's terms. It would leave the Middle East a dangerous place. Mr Bush's commitment, repeated yesterday, to restore peace and stability to the Gulf is part and parcel of action under Chapter VII of the UN Charter, under which all the security council's decisions have been taken. Once Kuwait is freed, peacefully or by force, that task will have to be addressed. Post-withdrawal diplomacy will be even more fraught than this month's endgame. But rolling back aggression is the priority, which the Americans, whose troops would take most casualties in a war, have earned the right to be trusted to pursue.

POLICING THE POLICE

The number of external investigations into alleged misdeeds by West Midlands police officers now far exceeds that in any other force. Some of those investigations are into past police conduct in cases of national interest. such as the Birmingham Six and the shooting

of Gail Kinchin. The Home Secretary, Kenneth Baker, has wide powers to order an investigation of the way the force is managed, including a public inquiry, and he should use them. Confidence in the second largest force in England and Wales will not return without some greater catharsis than that achieved by the disbanding of the serious crimes squad last year.

The spate of serious complaints against members of the West Midlands force suggests a standing condition of institutional malaise and a failure of good management, caused either by the personal inadequacy of senior officers or because structures of control are too cumbersome, or both. Those faults are not confined to this one force, nor are West Midlands policemen peculiarly incompetent. In a different way similar questions of force efficiency - and of who, if anyone, is really in charge are raised by the damning inspectorate report on the Derbyshire constabulary.

The West Midlands case illustrates the need for a more general review of the way the British are policed. It is of the nature of the present individual investigations, in West Midlands as elsewhere, that they are unlikely to produce much more than the results presently visible a procession of suspensions and reinstatements, and a sequence of courtroom quarrels in individual criminal cases. This falls a long way short of giving the wider community the

reassurance it is entitled to. Accountability is at the root of good policing. It was in the interests of accountability that the last Royal Commission on the police, set up in 1960, came down narrowly against recommending a national force. In

some cases - a distinct county force like Kent, for instance, coterminous with the county council - the accountability argument of that commission still looks persuasive. But in the large conurbation forces - Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire, West Midlands itself - accountability is far more tenuous. Too many cities, towns and districts are covered by a large force remote from each of them. Midlands covers Birmingham, Coventry, Walsall, Dudley, Sandwell and Wolverhampton.

At least the police in West Midlands, as part of a national force, would have been accountable to parliament as the London police are now. The 1964 Police Act, like the royal commission's recommendations, was anxious to protect the autonomy of chief constables which had been a feature of the older, more numerous and smaller borough and county forces. But it was a model of autonomy which presumed a chief constable's close relationship with one local community.

There is a growing list of issues concerning the policing of England and Wales, many of them as unresolved as when they formed the brief for the 1960 commission: the function of local police authorities, the accountability of chief constables, police-public relations including the handling of complaints, and the need to attract the right quality of recruit to the force.

The 1964 act was a good enough answer for its time, but society has since changed almost beyond recognition. It is unlikely that a Home Secretary who asks the right questions about the West Midlands or Derbyshire forces would find himself stopping short of addressing the fundamentals, or of preferring the solutions which seemed best 30 years ago. Royal commissions were out of fashion under Margaret Thatcher, but few issues lend themselves more aptly to such an expert and nonpartisan study than the nature and purpose of the police. The time for a new royal commission on the police is fast approaching.

UNDER THE LASH

Tory backbenchers were so long chastised by Mrs Thatcher's scorpions that they appear immune to the gentler lash of Mr Major's whip. The Tories yesterday conducted a postmortem on Wednesday's collapsed vote on the poll tax, when its majority fell to 57. They may have feared, with Hobbes, that when "men live without a common power to keep them in awe, they are in that condition which is called war." Those banished spectres, division and defeat, seem to have returned to the corridors of Westminster. Are the whips now powerless without Mrs Thatcher's sting?

The Conservative party is still in febrile mood after an exciting month. But what happened on Wednesday night was not quite the reverse it at first appeared. The Labour party whips managed for once to organise their vote, and the party's PR machine enabled them to trumpet their success. The Tory rebellion, such as it was, comprised John Lee voting with Labour, a handful of abstentions, and a clutch of unwisely accepted dinner invitations and over-tempting foreign trips. The Tory whips were careless, but are not yet

Richard Ryder, the new chief whip, is seen impotent. by his colleagues as suspiciously young and nice for so Machiavellian a role. He and his team will be trying to reassert authority in the days ahead. They should not try too hard. Many of Mrs Thatcher's blunders can be traced to her often arrogant assumption that her

whips could always get parliament to do her bidding. There was no backbench faith in the poll tax, nor in the abolition of the Greater London Council, nor in rate capping, nor in the refusal of dog registration. Every backbencher knew long before the prime minister that the football identity cards scheme would not work, but she made them vote for it repeatedly before abandoning it herself.

On the great issues of the day, the government must get its majority or make way for another that can. Mr Major is in no greater danger on this score than was his predecessor. But on the lesser issues, there is no need for a government to insist on putting its wisdom above that of its backbenchers, least of all when it must back up such discipline with the crude mechanisms of patronage and punishment that characterised Mrs Thatcher's whipping practices. For MPs to assert their independence from time to time is not anarchy but good,

pluralist government. Now that Mr Major has indicated that he is prepared to countenance substantial reform of House of Commons procedure, including its ridiculous and male-chauvinist working hours, a fresh wind is blowing through the Palace of Westminster. A few narrow squeaks for the whips, even an occasional defeat on a vote that is not a matter of confidence, would be a healthy tendency. On Wednesday night, Tory absentees struck a small blow for parliamentary democracy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Was there a 1989 press conspiracy to 'get Thatcher'? Growing concern

However, it was hardly surpris-

ing that these articles appeared,

cerned were reporting what Sir Geoffrey had said in his resigna-

tion statement to the House of

Sir Alan goes on to claim that in

any event he had invented the

Madrid conditions, in a memo-

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Council was held on June 26 and

Without disclosing any secret

memorandum, I might point out that I had already spelled out what

were to be the key elements of the

Madrid conditions in my (pub-

lished) evidence to the Treasury

select committee on June 12, some

two weeks before the Madrid

summit (report, June 13, 1989).

Sir Alan's only contribution was

to add some further irrelevant

conditions which he well knew

were unlikely to be met for many

years, if ever, and which were

rightly disregarded when we did at

last join the ERM in October of

prime minister. Sir Alan speaks

more truly than he imagines when

he writes "perhaps the first step on

the slippery slope of Mrs Thatch-

er's decline was associated with

my return to Number Ten in May

1989" - a step I urged her, in vain,

not to take, warning her that it was

bound to cause the government trouble we could well do without.

Sir, I was intrigued by Sir Alan

Walters's article on the events leading up to Mrs Thatcher's

And so, alas, it did.

NIGEL LAWSON.

House of Commons.

From Mr Philip Stephens

Yours faithfully,

December 6.

Margaret Thatcher was a great

27 last year).

Commons on November 13.

unless she accepted them.

From Mr Nigel Lawson, MP for Blaby (Conservative) and Sir Geoffrey threatened to resign unless she accepted them. resignation. I think he demonstrates admirably the absurdity of

Sir, I was slightly surprised to see the space given over in yesterday's Times to the extraordinary article given that the journalists conby Sir Alan Walters ("Get Thatcher, and they did").

So far as I know, there was no conspiracy of any kind to get rid of Margaret Thatcher, nor does Sir Alan produce a shred of evidence to support this theory. His self-important assertion that "for the get-rid-of-Thatcher gang, I was a splendid intermediate target" is if anything the reverse of the case. It was the activities of Sir Alan Walters which, by damaging the government, damaged Margaret Thatcher. These activities were well

known on both sides of the Atlantic. To cite just one piece of evidence, Mr Peter Riddell, the highly-respected Washington correspondent of the Financial Times, reported on October 28, 1989, that "Sir Alan Walters . . . has recently told US bankers and policy-makers that sterling needs to fall to avoid a severe recession in the UK . . . His comments concerned some of his American listeners, according to participants, who felt this year. that they contradicted the message Margaret from Mr Lawson about trying to secure a stable pound". (I have, incidentally, corroboration of this in a letter from an eminent British economist who happened to be

Sir Alan sees evidence of a conspiracy in the fact that At the height of the leadership crisis, the Financial Times, in articles by the political editor, Philip Stephens (November 14, 1990), and The Economist (November 24) told how on the evening of the Madrid conference in June 1989, after a tremendous row, Sir Geoffrey Howe and Nigel Lawson persuaded her [Mrs Thatcher] to accept the so-called Madrid conditions for entering the exchange-rate mechanism. Mr-Stephens said both Mr Lawson

Poll tax changes

The case for a local property tax is recognised in virtually every other country in western Europe. No form of local taxation is ideal From the Secretary-General of the Royal Institution of Chartered but there is generally a broad correlation between the value of a Sir, Recent comment in The person's home and the level of his Times (leading articles, November or her income. Where this does 28, December 4; letters, December not apply, a graduated scale of 4) has focused on possible alterrebates can introduce a greater

natives to the community charge. degree of fairness, as can other In our responses over the last adjustments to the rating system decade to the government's printhat we have suggested. cipal green papers on alternatives We have recently carried out a to the rating system, the Institufurther review of what might best tion has repeatedly tested all form the "domestic" element of reasonable options available local authorities' revenue. Once against five key criteria: pre-dictability of yield and buoyancy again, we have been led inescap-ably towards the conclusion that a of income: ease and cheanness of property tax based on capital collection and preventing avoidvalues is the only practicable way ance of payment; the capacity to provide local identity and acc-Yours faithfully, ountability; equitableness; and ease of understanding by those

who have to pay.
In every case our conclusion has Secretary-General, The Royal Institution of been that a domestic rating system Chartered Surveyors, 12 Great George Street based on capital values would be the least unsatisfactory solution Parliament Square, SW1. judged against these criteria. December 4.

Film awards From Mr Richard Price

Sir, In your detailed report (December 3) of the European Film Awards from Glasgow your correspondent referred to several organisations including Bafta which had belped bring this year's competition to Scotland.

There was one omission: Shell, who provided a hefty financial contribution. This was on top of their annual donation of £1 million which they have given to Bafta over the past three years. We have, as a result, been able to help many British and European educational and similar projects It is a highly enlightened and successful relationship.

RICHARD PRICE (Honorary Treasurer) British Academy of Film and Television Arts, 195 Piccadilly, W1.

Unkind cut

From Mr Robert Byard-Smith Sír, Robert Cummings (obituary, December 5) did not amputate Ronald Reagan's legs in King's Row. Others may have tried, but Charles Coburn did it in the film. Yours faithfully. ROBERT BYARD-SMITH,

The Croft, Gomshall, Surrey.

Good for Ireland From Mr Edward McWilliam, RA Sir, May I, as an expatriate, be permitted to salute the swearing in (report, December 4) of Mary Robinson as president of Ireland by stating that this is the best thing to happen in Ireland since the invention of Guinness.

Yours faithfully. F. E. McWILLIAM. 8a Holland Villas Road, W14.

Chile forest threat From Sir Peter Hutchison

Sir, In Chile recently, I was alarmed to learn that discussions are taking place between that country and Japan about further Japanese "investment" in the forestry sector in Chile, including possible acquisition of land. This follows an earlier contract which the previous government signed to provide woodchips for the Japanese paper industry for a duration of 30 years.

Evidence of that earlier contract was plain to see: large areas of native forest that had recently been cut and Japanese ships in Puerto Montt loading up to 40,000 tons of chips at a time from piles on the quayside.

The style of the operation makes matters worse, involving clear-felling the indigenous forest and blanket replanting with nonnative trees such as pines and the ubiquitous eucalypts. Ten per cent of the land is supposed to be replanted with native species, but this rarely seems to happen and the result is not just the loss of native trees but radical alteration of the whole community of plant and animal life.

The Chilean government is commendably conscious of its natural heritage and to its credit

has designated large areas as Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number —

(071) 782 5046.

the notion of a journalistic conspiracy to misrepresent the debate within her government about sterling's membership of the exchange-rate mechanism. For the record. I would like to correct a factual error in his account.

Sir Alan quotes my article of November 14, 1990 on the circumstances surrounding Mrs Thatcher's acceptance of the socalled Madrid conditions for ERM entry. He attempts to cast doubt on my chronology by stating that he had drafted the memorandum setting out these conditions three days before the meeting on June

I have no reason to question Sir Alan's role in the drafting. But had he read five paragraphs further in the article he quotes he would have seen the following:

On that fateful Sunday morning the two ministers were prepared to compromise. Their first demand had been that Mrs Thatcher agree that sterling should be in the ERM by the end of the year. Now they would accept a formula linking the date of membership to Britain's relative inflation rate and the relative inflation rate and the completion of the single market.

In other words, I stated clearly in the article that the Madrid conditions were a compromise which followed Mrs Thatcher's rejection of their first demand. My report was entirely consistent with Sir Alan's role in drafting the conditions.

If Sir Alan cares to check the official Whitehall records - I assume he still has access to the relevant papers - he will find that my account of the June 25 meeting is correct.

Yours faithfully PHILIP STEPHENS (Political editor, Financial Times), House of Commons. December 6.

From the Secretary of the Association of Metropolitan **Authorities**

Sir, In your leader you commend the proposal in a letter by Ralf Dahrendorf (both December 4) to allow local authorities the free-. dom to determine a mix of community charges, property taxes and other sources. If such freedom is desirable in the field of local taxation, how much more so that local authorities should have the freedom to determine the most effective internal structure for the administration of their different

The imposition of the elected mayor in every council in the country would be an artificial constraint. If local authorities are to continue to be responsible organs then they must have more-

Yours faithfully, RODNEY BROOKE, Secretary, Association of Metropolitan Authorities,

35 Great Smith Street, SW1.

commercial position. Of course, hallowed precedent is far easier to

defend, for both lawyer and lay

client, than plain language, if the

plain language is a commercial climate in which the potential

rewards of success are judged to be greater than the risks involved if

the deal goes wrong. That climate might well be called "Thatcherism".

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL ASHENDEN,

Consumer credit

will make the reason clear.

Sir, Economists need not be

perplexed by the October increase

in consumer credit (report,

December 4): a glance in the

window of any high street retailer

The cause is not inflationary

demand pressure - far from it -but a dramatic increase in the

number of shops offering interest-

free credit in an effort to boost

flagging sales. This has led to a shift from cash to credit purchases

by customers who are not nor-

Expect more of the same in the

run-up to Christmas, and an end

to it in January when the sales

Director and General Manager,

Church Road, Hayes, Middlesex.

Hitachi Credit (UK) plc,

mally users of credit.

Yours faithfully

Hitachi House,

Stables Courtyard,

D. G. ANTHONY.

From Mr D. G. Anthony

25 Metrose Road,

December 2.

Menton Park, SW19.

What is required to stimulate

commercial deal goes wrong.

December 4.

than lawyers have. Incomprehen-**Notwithstanding** sible jargon is more comforting than plain language, which na-From Mr Michael Ashenden kedly exposes the client's true

Sir, The suggestion in your leading article on "gobbledegook" (Nov-ember 30), that lawyers draft it to provide work for other lawyers, implies a mutual esteem among lawyers which is near the opposite of the truth.

There are some technical words which are a form of shorthand. The word "lien" is one; it does not seem to me very difficult for a literate person to understand, and would need a lot of other words to replace it.

A working lifetime as a lawyer in commerce taught me, however, that generally lay clients have a greater liking for gobbledegook

Wanted: organists From the Vicar of Brompton

Sir, Mr Peter Jones's sad letter (November 30) raises a very real issue, but he is firing in the wrong direction. Clergy and organists have to face together the reality that, whilst the Gospel itself does not change, each generation has always sought contemporary ways of expressing its love for God. Cranmer and the Wesleys did it

in their times, and we must in ours. The formality of robed (and often professional) chous in a parochial setting (inherited, incidentally, from the Victorians, not the Tudors) has very little appeal to the younger generation. I gratefully acknowledge that

some organists see this and, in their willingness to adapt, are able to give a musical lead in what God is undoubtedly doing today. They are welcome in any church. Yours faithfully,

ALEXANDER MILLAR. Holy Trinity Brompton, Brompton Road, SW7.

December 5. national parks. It will probably realise that renewable use of indigenous forest is, in these days, an economic alternative.

Surely the wealthier countries which, like Britain, have largely destroyed their native woodlands have a responsibility to those who still have that precious asset. It would be regrettable if the Japanese, who have recently shown reluctance to destroy their own forests, were to transfer their resulting problems to other, less wealthy nations.

Yours faithfully, PETER HUTCHISON (Chairman of the Trustees), Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh 3. November 29.

on car emissions strates admirably the absurdity of

From the Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club

Sir. The RAC recently commissioned a study of different vehicle emission levels in the UK carried out by Professor Donald Stedman of Denver University. The results, which will be published on Friday December 7, are startling.

The study reveals that over 50 per cent of vehicle pollution comes from just 17 per cent of vehicles. Indeed I per cent of vehicles causes as much pollution as does the best 40 per cent. Poor emission levels are not necessarily related to vehicle age or category. The key factor is maintenance.

Many newer vehicles (less than three years old) also have poor emission levels, so reliance on new MOT provisions will not solve the problem, although it will undoubtedly help. It is clear that a huge amount of progress, in environmental terms, could be achieved by better vehicle maintenance.

Growing concern about pollution caused by cars means that we all have a responsibility to try to minimise the damage. At the RAC we also consider we have a responsibility to ensure that environmental measures are targeted at the real causes of the problem, and that the personal mobility which we all value so highly is not unnecessarily con-

The urgent need, now, is to find ways of ensuring that the minority of vehicles which are the main polluters are properly maintained and tuned. Indications are that if all vehicles were regularly main-tained, harmful vehicle emissions

would be halved. I have today called on the new secretary of state for transport to initiate work, jointly with the motor industry and motoring organisations, to find ways of tackling the problem in the light of these important new findings. Yours faithfully,

JEFFREY ROSE, Chairman, The Royal Automobile Club. Pali Mali, SW1. December 6.

Standard transport From Mrs Alex Scott

Sir, I trust that the European Commission will now ensure that either Venice abolishes gondolas, or else Amsterdam abandons its barge-shaped launches, in the interests of standardising waterborne urban transport (Mr Dauris, December 3). It is after all important that EC boat-builders compete on a level playing field. Yours faithfully,

ALEX SCOTT. Malt Cottage, Lamb Corner, Dedham, Colchester, Essex. December 4.

Old farm buildings From Admiral Sir Nigel Henderson

Sir, You report (November 30)that the Prince of Wales deplored the destruction of farm buildings and features of the rural landscape, because they are deemed no longer to have economic purpose. No one can seriously disagree.

However in this area and certainly in many other areas there; are a large number of old farm buildings, many of them "listed" serving no economic purpose with modern farming methods. Proprietors are not allowed to

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knock them down and no authority is prepared to pay to keep them up. In most cases they are not suitable for conversion to dwellings. Is one meant just to let them gently collapse, or is there an : alternative? Yours faithfully. NIGEL HENDERSON. Hensol, Mossdale.

Dumfries and Galloway. Sent to try us

From Mr M. A. Girling

Castle Douglas,

Sir, Nothing can possibly be more frustrating than trying to untangle three flies twisted inextricably round a very thin piece of nylon whilst standing waist-deep in a river at midnight and holding a torch in one's mouth. Yours faithfully, M. A. GIRLING,

Oakthorpe, Charlton Drive, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

From Miss Mary Brown Sir, In the midst of cold, frozen December days, looking at my Australian calendar depicting, for the same month, hot, golden

sands, turquoise-coloured sea and

people in swim suits. Yours MARY BROWN. Mill House, Taynuilt, Argyll.

From Mrs Bridget Maxwell Sir, Trying to get a pill down a I remain, Sir, at my wits' end.

BRIDGET MAXWELL, Brook Lodge, Hambledon, Hampshire.

From Mr H. P. Mowatt Sir, I live in the country, where I have one neighbour only who lives

nearly opposite across the road. Some bonehead drew the electoral boundary line between our two houses so that to reach our designated polling stations I have to travel 20 miles there and back and he 12 miles in the opposite

Yours faithfully, H. P. MOWATT, Ty Llosg, Rosebush, Clynderwen, Dyfed.

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COURT CIRCULAR

The Prince of Wales received the Lord Young of Graffham and Mr Lodwrick Cook at **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** December 6: Miss Margaret Rothwell was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon her appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Abidjan.
His Excellency General
Idrissa Fall and Madame Fall
were received in farewell communities.

The Princess of Wales, President, Wales Craft Council. audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency

relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the KENSINGTON PALACE Republic of Senegal to the Court of St James's. December 6: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon The Honour and the honour of being invited to huncheon with The Queen and was present this evening at the Crime Writers' Association's The Duke of Edinburgh.
The Duke of Edinburgh

presented the Awards. The Lady Juliet Townsend morning from Oman. Mr Brian McGrath was in KENSINGTON PALACE

His Royal Highness opened Peterborough Central Library and later opened the storage,

Major Nicholas Barne was in nengance. The Duchess of Glouceste this morning opened the new Winnicott Baby Unit at St Mary's Hospital, Praed Street, London W2.

ST JAMES'S PALACE December 6: The Duke of Kent this morning presented the Civilian Ministry of Defence Apprentice Awards in the Con-course Hall, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1.

Bank of England, Threadneedle Street, London EC2. Mrs Alan Henderson and Commander Roger Walker, RN

Forthcoming

and Miss J.D. McArthur The engagement is announced Arrats Mill, Brechin, and Janice Duncan, younger daughter, of Mr and Mrs Lachlan McArthur, of Bothwell, Glasgow.

arrived at Luton Airport this

The Queen was represented

Russell Wood (formerly Deputy

Treasurer to Her Majesty) at the Funeral of Commander Sir Philip Row (formerly Deputy Treasurer to The Queen) which

Crematorium on the afternoon

December 6: The Honourable Ronald Reagan and Mrs Reagan today visited Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. Queen Elizabeth The Queen

Mother, a Master of the Middle

Temple, was pleased to dine with her fellow Benchers at the Middle Temple this evening.

The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Martin Gilliat were in

December 6: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall,

presided at a meeting of The Prince's Council at 10

Buckingham Gate, London

Mr David Landale was in

Subsequently, The Prince and

Princess of Wales entertained

members of the Council and

Duchy Land Stewards to lunch at Kensington Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE

of Wednesday, 5th December.

was held at Easthampsti

CLARENCE HOUSE

mant Commander Sir

ad Park

Dr R.J.S. China and Dr K.E. Broadley

The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs S.R. Chinn, of Great Bookham, Surrey, and Karen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Oxfordshire.

and Miss C.S. Bowen The engagement is announced between Justin, son of Mr and

Mr P.J. Hayes and Miss H.B. Sears The engagement is announced between Peter, son of the late

Mr and Mrs John Hayes, of Botton, Lancashire, and Hilary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Clifford Sears, of Bath, Avon. Mr N.K.A. Jones and Miss T.H.A. Precter

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Keith Jones, of Cobham, Surrey, and Tania, daughter of the late Mr Nicky Procter and of Mrs Maureen Procter, of Hemingford Road, Cambridge.

Mr S.R. Lee

and Miss P.A. Arden The engagement is announced Wadhurst, Sussex. between Stephen, elder son of Mr R.A.N. Gibbons Mr and Mrs A. Lee, of Ashton-in-Makerfield, Lancashire, and

and Senhoritz E.F. Ferraz
The engagement is announced only son of Mr and Mrs John London, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Elizeia Fernandez, youngest daughter of Senhor and Senhora Odilio Ferraz, of Rio de Janeiro,

Mr J.P.M. Norbury and Miss A.F. Nicolle The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of the Gosforth, Newcastle upon Manor House, Castle Tyne, and Fiona, daughter of Mr A.S. Whitehouse Mr and Mrs Bobby Nicolle, of and Miss A.L. Shanal tershire.

mr H.E.A. Rasself
and Miss C.L. Grant
The engagement is announced
between Hugo, younger son of
the late Mr Anthony Russell,
and of Mrs Anthony Russell,
of Shere. Surrey, and Caroline,
eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs
Donald Grant, of Molino de la
Hoz. Jas Rozse de Madrid

George's, Hanover Square, WI,
between Andrew, only son of Mr
and Mrs D. Whitehouse, of
Adstock, Buckinghamshire, and
Annabel, second daughter of Mr
Shanahan, of Gothenburg,
and Mrs Bouwe Jans, of Eton,
Berkshire. The Rev W.M.

The benegaroon is being Hoz, Las Rozas de Madrid, Spain.

Anniversaries Church", Glasgow 1834; Vi-BIRTHS: Gian Bernini, comte Ferdinand Marie de Lessculptor, Naples, 1598; Allan Cunningham, writer, Keir, Dumfriesshire, 1784; Stuart Davis, painter, Philadelphia, 1894.

1962; Thornton Wilder, novelist and dramatist, New Haven, Connecticut, 1975; Robert Graves, poet and novelist, Deya, Majorca, 1985. DEATHS: Cicero, executed, Formia, Italy, 43 BC; Sir Peter Graves, poet and novens, Lely, portrait painter, Amsterdam, 1709; William Bigh, admiral, captain of HMS Japanese aurraft; the following Bounty, London, 1817; John day Britain, Australia and the Flavourn, Sculptor, London USA declared war on Japan, 1941. Flaxman, sculptor, London USA
1826; Edward Irving, founder of 1941.

His Royal Highness, President, Business in the Community, gave a dinner for Businessmen to discuss ment in integrated urban

received members of the Council and viewed samples of crafts at Kensington Palace.

Gaia Dinner at The Law Society, Chancery Lane, and

December 6: The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon visited Cambridgeshire and was received by Mr James Crowden (Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire).

grading and packing facilities at Morton, Beeson and Manchett Produce Ltd, Glenthorne Farm,

Captain the Hon Christopher Knollys was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent this evening attended a Court Room Dinner at the

marriages

and Miss H.M. Adam The engagement is announce between Lyndon, elder son of between Antony, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Lyndon Bolton, of the late Mr R.P.N. Sheriock and of Mrs Allan Macpherson Fleicher, of Balavil, Kingussie and Helen, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Adam, of

Newhouse of Glamis, Angus. Mr M.H. Vaax and Signorina R. Minarelli Della Terre

The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.G. Vaux, of London, W12, and Raffaella, younger daughter of Dottore and Signora G. Minarelli Della Torre, of Bologna, Italy.

Mr H.J.A. Wilson and Miss B. Parker The engagement is announced between Hamish John Adams Gloucestershire, and Catherine, younger son of Mr and Mrs youngest daughter of Mr Rob Wilson, of Winchcombe, and Mrs F.S. Bowen, of Cheltenham, and Becky, Chorleywood, Hertfordshire.

younger dauguse Parker, of Bath. Mr D.J. Wright and Miss H.J. Thomson The engagement is announced between Donald, son of Dr and Mrs James Wright, Jordanhill, Glasgow, and Hillary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Thomson,

Marriages

Viscount Raynham and Mrs A. Marshall The marriage took place in London on December 6, between Viscount Raynham, elder son of the Marquess Townshead, of Raynham Hall, Norfolk, and Mrs Alison Marshall, younger daughter of Sir Willis and Lady Combs, of

Wadhurst, Sussex. The marriage took place on Saturday, December 1, 1990, at Penelope, youngest daughter of Saturday, December 1, 1990, at the late Surgeon Captain L.D. St Andrew's Church, Castle Arden and of Mrs Ann Arden, of Combe, of Mr Robert Anthony

Nigel Gibbons, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robert Gibbons, of London, SWI, and Miss Sarah Jane Edwards, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Edwards of Stoke Bishop, Bristol. The Rev Leonard Lack and Dom Ambrose Lambert, OSB, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Julie Edwards, sister of the bride, and Miss Amelia Gibbons, sister of the groom, and by Alison and Michael Walker and Julia Melville, Mr Charles Gibbons was best man.

A reception was held at the Manor House, Castle Combe.

and Miss A.L. Shanahan The marriage took place on Saturday, November 24, at St George's, Hanover Square, W1. The boneymoon is being spent in Barbados.

the "Holy Catholic Apostolic

former principal, St Chad's College, Durham, 64; Mr Eli Wallach, actor, 75; Miss Helen Watts, opera singer, 63. seps, promoter of the Suez Canal, Chenaies, Belgium, 1894; Kirsten Flagstad, soprano, Oslo, Binney medal

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayores, the Sheriffs and their ladies, presented the Binney Memoral Medal, awarded posthumously to Mr Donald Arthur Kell for bravery in support of law and order in the metropolis, to Mrs Kell at Goldsmiths' Hall

OBITUARIES

TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN

Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra, CH, the first prime minister of Malaya and subsequently of Malaysia, died yesterday, aged 87. He was born at Alor Star on February 8, 1903. THE part Tunku Abdul Rahman

Putra played in the discussions leading to Malayan independence, in ensuring a smooth transition of power and in steering the country safety through the first 13 years of indepen-dence from 1957 to 1970, will be a lasting memorial to his political skill. Finally he returned to the political arena while in his eighties when he felt the independence he had fought for was threatening to go off the rails. He had a tremendous capacity for getting the best out of people and for gaining the co-operation, under his leader-ship, of people of different views and races. This was a necessary skill in a multiracial country like Malaysia.

Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra al-Haj was the 20th child, and seventh son, of Sultan Abdul Halim Shah, the 24th Sultan of Kedah. His mother, his father's sixth wife, was the daughter of a Shan chieftain from Thailand. He was educated at the Sultan Abdul Hamid College at Alor Star and at the Penang Free School. He then came to England in 1919 and gained his BA at St Catharine's College, Cambridge. He stayed on to read for the bar and during this time played a major part in creating the Malay Society of Great Britain. On his return to Malaya in 193! he held a number of civil service appointments in Kedah that continued through the Japanese occupation. Immediately after the war he came back to London to resume his legal studies and was called to the bar in

1949 when he was 46. He resigned from the Malayan legal service, to which he was attached on his return from London, in 1951 when the United Malays National Organisation elected him to be its president in succession to Dato (later Sir) Onn bin Jaffar. Onn had walked out of Umno when he failed, twice, to make it multiracial. The Tunku equally saw the dangers of developing racial rivalries in the political field. His approach differed from Onn's in that he left Umno undisturbed as a Malay party, but formed an alliance with the Malayan Chinese Association. This partnership was joined in 1955 by the Malayan Indian Congress and, at the first federal elections in July that year, the alliance won 51 of the 52 seats for elected members. The partnership later expanded to include the political parties in Borneo - was to hold throughout the years he was prime

minister. The Tunku became chief minister and immediately initiated discussions aimed at independence. But first he wanted to assure himself that there could not be an acceptable settlement with the Malayan Communist party. A meeting with Chin Peng the terrorists' leader, at Baling, near the Thai frontier, convinced him of that. From then on he threw the whole weight of the alliance behind the effort in January 1956 at a conference in London, it was agreed that August 31, 1957, should be the provisional date for independence, a date that was

The first years of independence went smoothly. By 1960 the Tunku was able to declare the emergency officially at an end. The terrorists could no longer claim that their first aim was to liberate Malaya from the imperial power. The Tunku looked around for friends in south east Asia and a loose association was formed with Indonesia and the Philippines, but that turned out to be ineffectual. Seeking other means of strengthening his position, the Tunku reached the

Today's royal

engagements

The Prince of Wales will open

the Cotswold Care Project day hospice at Longfield, Burleigh, Stroud, at 4.30.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron

of Turning Point, will attend the charity's annual meeting at Merchant Taylors' Hall, 10.45.

The Princess Royal, as Chief Commandant of the WRNS,

will visit HMS Raleigh at

Princess Margaret, as President

of the Royal Ballet, will attend the opening of the new theatre studio at the Royal Ballet School, White Lodge, Richmond Park, at noon.

The Duke of Kent, Chancellor of Surrey University, will preside at an honorary degree

The Duchess of Kent will attend

7.55 in aid of the Radcliffe

Professor T. Anderson, former

professor of public health, 86; Sir Fred Atkinson, civil servant,

71; Viscount Boyd of Merton, 51; Mr Donald Crichton-Miller,

former beadmaster. Fettes Coil-

former headmaster, Fertes College and Stowe School, 84; Judge Lord Elystan-Morgan, 58; Mr David Evans, trades unionist, 55; Professor Sir Abraham Goldberg, physician, 67; Sir Bryan Hopkin, civil servant, 76; Mr Victor Kiam, international president, Remungton, 64; the Countess of Limerick, chairman, British Red Cross Society.

man, British Red Cross Society, 55; Major-General R.E. Lloyd, 84; the Rev R.C. Trounson.

Birthdays today

Christmas concert at the seldonian Theatre, Oxford, at

Torpoint at 10.00.

ceremony at 4.05.



conclusion that an independent Singapore which might turn communist would constitute an unacceptable threat on his very doorstep. He recognised that the Malays in Umno would not accept any move to bring Singapore into Malaya, since that would mean the entry into the federation, and into the federal parliament, of a large number of Chinese, unless a counterbalance was

provided. So he revived an earlier proposal for a federation including not only Singapore, but also the British colonies in Borneo, whose representatives would come largely from the indigenous people who were ethnically akin to the Malays. A joint British-Malayan commission reported in favour of the scheme in the middle of 1962. But by the end of the year President Sukarno opposed the proposal and, after an uneasy period of growing tension, he demanded a full referendum in the Borneo territories. A group appointed by the United Nations secretary general, and accompanied by Indonesian observers, found that a large majority of the peoples in Sarawak and British North Borneo (now Sabah) was in favour of Malaysia and the new federation came into being on September 16, 1963. The prestige of the Tunku probably never stood higher. There was sharp reaction in Indonesia, however. Relations with Malaysia were severed. Indonesia left the United Nations. Confrontation and guerrilla warfare in Borneo began

Meanwhile friction had been growing inside the federation between Kuala Lumpur and Singapore, Singapore's prime minister, Lee Kuan Yew, having failed to persuade the Tunku that his People's Action Party should replace the Malaysian Chinese Association as the representative of the Chinese in the Alliance, joined hands with opposition political parties in Malaya, Sabah and Sarawak to form a united opposition front to the alliance. The Malays interpreted the move as aiming at the abolition of their special rights under the constitution. Mr Lee had pushed the Tunku and the Malaysians to the edge by producing, when his talks with Malay-

Memorial

services

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Director of the Rupert Crew

Literary Agency, gave an address. Among those present

Were:
Eltzabeth Hilder. Mr and Mrs H E AMay, Nr and Mrs J F Banks, Mr Peter
Banks. Mr Michael Booth, Mrs M
Collins, Mr Michael Booth, Mrs M
Collins, Mr Maxwell
Fox.

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Rights Society), Miss Eva Walters
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(Ertilish Brasel World Federation), Mr
Band Mr Brasel World Federation), Mr
Brasel World Federation, Mr
Geritish Greetings Card Corporation),
Mr Rax Montagunery, Mrs Harold
Stoogh, Miss isabetis Fairbrother, Mrs
Laurel Nysote, Miss Stirby Russell,
Mr Wartien Swinfen, Mr Andony
White, Mr und Mrs R O Butts, Miss F
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Wintfred Kenyon, Miss Carbine, Carbine

or James Wreford

A memorial service for Professor James Wreford

Professor James Wreford Watson was held yesterday at the Church of Greyfriars, Edinburgh. The Rev Dr Robert Anderson, Chaplain of Edinburgh University, officiated.

Mr J. C. Bartholomew, President of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society, read the lesson and Dr A.J. Crosbie and the Very Rev Professor T.F. Torrance gave addresses,

Memorial meeting

The High Commissioner for New Zealand anended a

meeting in memory of Dr Esmond de Beer held yesterday at the Warburg Institute. Professor Walter Elkan

Professor Walter Elkan resided and the other speakers

were Mrs H.O. Allen, Mr Nicho

las Barker (British Library and British Museum), Professor Isla Campbell (Hakluyt Society), Mr A.T. Milne (Institute of Histori-cal Research, London Univer-

sity, and the Historical sity, and the Historical Association), Professor J.B. Trapp (Warbing Institute and British Academy) and Mr David Valsey (Bodleian Library).

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Among others present were:

Mr Nick Haistend, Lady Dallymple-Champrogy. Str Peter Learnes
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Library), Mrs Heien waits Gritish
Library), Mr J V Hollingswort
(Nedonial Bank of New Zesiand), Mr A
8-84 (Coheseon Crub) and Mr R Clims
(Topographical Society).

Torrance gave addresses.

Dr Esmond de Beer

Sir Alan Mocatta

others present were:

A memorial service for Sir Alan Mocatta was held on Wednesday at the Spanish and

Portuguese Synagogue, Bevis Marks. Rabbi Dr Abraham Levy and the Rev H. Benarroch

officiated. Rabbi Levy and Lord

Roskill gave addresses. Among

Olliers present were:
Lady Mocatta (wholew), Mr and Mrs
Francis Mocatta, Mr and Mrs John
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Mocatta, Mr and Mrs Edward Mocatta
toose and daughters-in-law/, Mr Bernard Mocatta (son), Mr Josethan
Mocatta, Mr and Mrs Dormad Lilley,
Mr and Mrs Scott Poster, Min Belinda
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Report).

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A service of thanksgiving for the life and work Miss Patience Strong was held yesterday at St

Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon

Trevor Hilder read the lessons.
Mrs Trevor Hilder read
Patience Strong's poem, "To
Connie", and Mr Paul Sidey,
Ednorial Durector of Frederick

Muller, read "if you stand very still". Mrs Doreen Montgomery,

Mr Harold Stough and Mr

Miss Patience Strong

John Ostes officiated.

building up and lasted for over three

sian cabinet ministers did not go the way he had expected, a draft document for the independence of Singapore. By the early summer of 1965 the Tunku realised that the situation, by now critical, could quickly lead to inter-racial rioting and worse. By July, when he was in London to attend the Commonwealth prime ministers' conference and for medical treatment, he decided that Singapore must leave the federation. He put that into effect in a hurriedly summoned meeting of parliament on August 9. The decision was taken remarkably calmly and there were no demonstrations in any

of the territories. Probably the most serious crisis the Tunku had had to face came in May 1969, immediately after a general election at which the alliance lost a number of seats although still tetaining a majority in parliament. Feelings ran high in both the Malay and the non-Malay communities, mainly Chinese, despondency in one and exultation in the other, and clashes broke out. The situation got out of control, troops were called in and it was only after three days, during which at least 200 people were killed, much property was destroyed and many hundreds injured, that order was restored. The Tunku suspended parhamentary government and appointed a national operations council under the chairmanship of the deputy prime minister, Tun Abdul Razak. The one casualty of this was inter-racial harmony.

September 1970 when he handed over to Tun Razak and announced the resumption of parliamentary government in six months. But the handing over was not smooth. By then the two men, once close friends and political allies, differed politically and personally and they remained alienated until Tun Razak's death six years later. The Tunku went on to be secretary general of the Islamic Conference and in 1974 he became president of Perkim (Muslim Welfare Organisation) which he had helped to found in 1960.

The Tunku remained in office until

But the neace he vearned for in his retirement was to evade him. He reacted badly to the slights, both real and imagined, that Tun Razak and his officers and, after 1981, Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohammed and his

Dinners

Company of Makers of Playing Cards Alderman Sir Christopher

Collett, representing the Lord Mayor and accompanied by

Lady Collett, the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the installation dinner of the Com-

pany of Makers of Playing Cards held last night at the Mansion House. Mr J.G. Thorpe, Master,

presided. Sir Christopher, Mr P.M.C. Cregeen, Semor War-den, and Sir Edward dn Cann, Master of the Fruiterers' Com-

Parish Clerks' Company
The Bishop of Durham
officiated at the Parish Clerks'

Company annual service to

mark the Feast of St Nichola

held last night at St Michael's, Cornhill Mr J.H. Gaze, Master,

presided at a dinner held after-

wards at Drapers' Hall, Sir

Derek Pattinson and Judge Anwyl-Davies also spoke. Sir

George Blunden, Judge Verney, Recorder of London, and the

Master and Clerk of the Drap-

ers' Company were among the

Houg Kong Trade Development Council

Baroness Dunn, Chairman of

the Hong Kong Trade Dev-elopment Council, was host at the annual dinner held last night

at the Berkeley hotel. Sir David Wilson, Governor of Hong

Kone, was among those present

The Rt Hon Dr David Owen

MP, addressed members of the

Luncheon

Association of MBAs

St Edmund's

School, Hindhead

The Governors have appointed

the Rev Andrew Sangster from Eton College to be Headmaster of St Edmund's from Septem-

ber, 1991, in succession to Mr Tony Pull, who is retiring after 30 years at the school.

pany, also spoke.

officers, inflicted on him. A newspaper column he wrote so annoyed Tun Razak that serious thought was given at one stage to detaining him. That column was finally dropped, following pressure from Datuk Seri Mahathir's administration in 1987. As Datuk Seri Mahathir, whom he had once expelled from the party. consolidated his position, the courts declared Umno to be unlawful but Mahathir refused to use his powers to revive it and formed a new Umno instead. The Tunku, in his eighties and all but blind, joined those who wanted to bring the old Umno party back and his opposition became more strident and vocal. That was to continue to the end.

Tunku Abdul Rahman was a man of great personal charm. He was able quickly to win the regard and indeed the affection of those who were fortunate enough to know him. One of his cherished aims was that the country should be happy and at peace. He maintained his early interest in sport. He was for many years president of the Malaysian Football Association and of the Asian Football Confederation, which he had helped

found. He was an enthusiastic racegoer, with his horses winning many races including the Melbourne Cup. He became a keen golfer in his later years and excelled at cards.
He did the pilgrimage to Mecca after he became prime minister. He was very fond of Britain and believed firmly in the Commonwealth. In 1961

Tunku Abdul Rahman was instrumental in ensuring that at the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in London South Africa was not to be invited to rejoin the Commonwealth after it became a republic. He had made the move after he became fed up with the diplomatic manocuvres involving Pandit Nehru, the Indian prime minister, and others looking for a diplomatic way out of the situation. The move was totally unexpected but it caught the mood of the conference. The Tunku maintained his hostility to the apartheid practices of the South African government until the end.

He greatly enjoyed his visits to London and was delighted when the freedom of the City was conferred on him. And it gave him great pleasure when he, a Cambridge man, was given an honorary degree at Oxford. He was showered with honours by many countries but the three that gave him the most pleasure were his appoint-ment to the Kedah Order of Merit, limited to two living persons; the Darjah Utama Seri Mahkota Negara, the Malaysian order of which he was the first recipient who was not a ruler or head of state; and the Companion of Honour, from Britain. He was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia in 1988.

Although not possessed of any great intellectual powers, the Tunku had great political foresight and recognised - perhaps because only one of his parents was a Malay - the necessity of welding the immigrant During the years immediately after independence he was successful in winning over the allegiance of nearly all those, whatever their race, who had been his political opponents. In a newly independent country, this had the double advantage that it enlarged the resources of experienced manpower - slender enough in any case which were available for important posts at home and abroad; and it gave the government the strength it needed to go forward with policies which

might not always be popular. He leaves a widow, Tun Sharifah Rodziah, a number of adopted children. together with a son and daughterby his first wife who died in 1935.

JOHN CHAPPLE

John Chapple, former chain man of the Longman Group died on December 4 aged 78. He was born on December 23

JOHN Chapple became chairman of Longman's in 1972 on the death of Mark Longman He was to remain in this post until his retirement in 1976. Although he spent 30 years in publishing, he started his career in botanical research at Oxford. During the war, when he was serving in the artillery. he met K. B. Potter, a director of Longman's Green, In 1947. at Potter's request, he joined Longman to understudy Charles Higham at the "overseas" desk. Oxford botany no longer failed to excite him. The move was a wise one and by 1957 he joined the board of Longman as overseas director.

John Chapple never proclaimed himself. He declined to take office in the Publishers' Association, mixed little with his colleagues in the trade, joined no London club wrote no books and received no honours. Yet he was a powerful and driving force in educational books. He set the pattern for post-colonial publishing in Africa and Asia launching subsidiaries in Hong Kong, Malaysia, Nigeria, Kenya and Zimbabwe. He expanded markets for British publishing, and especially for Longman, in the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean and pioneered the use of low cost printing centres in Hong Kong and elsewhere in the Far East, He set out to satisfy the textbook needs of British schools abroad,

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His ambition was directed essentially to the furtherance of the trade and of his company within it. As an intuitive publisher with an entreoreneur's flair for identifying major projects, he was. committed to growth by internal development, to high quality books and the authors and publishers who made them, to wide international distribution and to close control of operating costs. Under his tutelage Longman enjoyed one its greatest periods of expansion and profitability.

John Chapple was pre-de-ceased by his wife, Hazel, a painter, and leaves three : children.

HOWARD HARTOG

Dilys Hartog writes:

HOWARD Hartog's interest in contemporary music (obituary, November 30) was ably supported by his wife, Margaret Kitchin, whom he married in 1951. She was herself a distinguished concert pianist and the dedicatee of several technically demanding works. Tippett was only one of the several composers who entrusted first performances to her. Her own career has been subordinated to giving constant and invaluable help to Howard and to the artists associated with his concert agency, Ingpen and Williams, who regard her with enormous

Mediocrity of new buildings attacked

and the financial institutions, successfully integrating new are as guilty as some architects buildings on a former gravel for the mediocrity of new buildings and the erosion of towns and cities, the director of the Civic Trust claimed yesterday.

"Far ;too many schemes are conceived purely in commercial terms, leading to over-development, dubious architecture and considerable physical and social environment," Mr Martin Bradshaw District national park. said when announcing the 1990 Civic Trust awards.

from the shire counties of England and Wales, the regions of Scotland, the Channel slands and Northern Ireland.

The new headquarters for RMC at Egham, Surrey, designed by Edward Cullinan Architects, received the top many new developments.

Canterbury

London and South East region of the Association of MBAs at a luncheon meeting at the Grocers' Hall, yesterday on "the New Europe". Mr P.B. de T. Rooke, regional chairman,

> Calvin and Rose G. Hoffman scholarships have been awarded to Ottavia Moll, St George's School for Girls, Edinburgh, and Christopher Creissen, King's School and KSC.

By Charles Knevitt, architecture correspondent POLITICIANS, developers, Steetley special award for

works in the Green Belt. Among the other winners were the restoration of two former collieries to create a 200-acre country park in the Darran Valley, Mid-Glamorgan; a new vocational college for visually handicapped students in Loughborough; and the circular David Mellor stress on the surrounding cutlery factory on the site of a former gasworks in the Peak

Developers are the modern equivalent of eighteeth and A total of 22 awards, 102 nineteenth century ariscommendations and 12 spe- tocratic patrons, Mr Bradshaw cial mentions were made, out said, and they should be of more than 1,000 entries encouraged to reverse their view that good design is

secondary to economic considerations. Restoration and refurbishment projects are generally of a very high standard but the same could not be said for

The King's School

The third Calvin and Rose Hoffman Prize for inguished Publication on Distinguished Publication on Christopher Marlowe, amounting to £8,500, has been awarded jointly to Professor Lawrence Danson, of the University of Princeton, and Dr Richard Dutton, of the University of Lancaster, who will deliver a lecture at The King's School, Canterbury on Priday, Marrh Canterbury, on Friday, March 21, 1991, at 7.30 pm, at which his share of the prize will be

Appointments

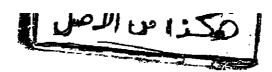
Latest appointments include: Mr Michael McCrum, Master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, to be Chairman of the new Cathedrals Pabric Commission for England. Sir John Johnson, former Permanent Representative 10 the United Nations environment programme, to be Chair-man of the Countryside Commission, from April 1. He

Rydal School

succeeds Sir Derek Barber.

The Governors of Rydal School have appointed Mr Nigel Thorne to be headmaster from September, 1991 Mr Thome, aged 39 and married, is aged 39 and married, is currently Deputy Head of

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Harfwell) and Nicholas, a daughter. Francesca, a sister for Rosanna.

BARTLETT - On November 28th, to Dayroll and Richard, a daughter, Felicity Alessandre Poppy Robertson.

COMMON - On December 5th, to Jayroll (née Neal) and Andrew, a daughter, Jessica Jayroll (née Neal) and Andrew, a daughter, Jessica Jayroll (née Neal) and Andrew and Richard, Lwina, James and Richard, Lwina, James and Richard, Lwina, James and Rosemary, a brother and sister for Harry and George.

ABSEN - On November 30th 1990, after a long illness, at The Portland Hospital, to Gillie (née Evars) and Nick twina sons, James and Bentamin.

HEARTH - On Tuesday December 5th 1990, after a long illness at The Portland Hospital, to Gillie (née Evars) and Nick twina sons, James and Bentamin.

HEARTH - On Tuesday December 5th, at North Devon Hospital, Barnstaple.

Service of Thanksgiving at Gaughter, Anna Louise, a stier (or Jennifer and Sophie, stor (or Jennifer) (levin sons. James and Benjamin.

Benjamin.

BEARTM - On Tuesday December 48h to Kim and Jonathan, a daughter. Henriera Alice.

BODGE - On November 29th, to Brian and Cethy (Worden), twin daughters. Califin Jean and Mackenzie Ann. Special thanks to staff al the Churchill Clinic and Pembury Hospital.

BLINGWORTE - On November 26th 1990. 10 Barbara 10th Michael Claston. Brichard Michael Claston. a brother for Sarah.

BERKWOOD - On Monday December 5rd 1990. 10 Michael (nite de Presses) and Tim. a daughter, Phoebe Maud. a sister for Harriet Mury, Maltida Alice, Jemima Jane and Toby John.

LAIMENCE - On December Sth. to Rosanna thee Lloyd-Roberty) and Robert, a son. Henry, a brother for Charles and Catherine.

LAWSON-SASTIM - On December and Catherine.

LAWSON-SERTH - On December 6th 1990, to Mailse (née Palmer) and Clive, a daughter, Marina Alice.

daughter. Marina Alice.

BALLEY - On December 4th, at the University College Hospital, to Marie-Louise (née Poeis) and Anthony, a daughter. Josephine Louise.

BECONNACK - On December 2nd 1990, to Penny (née Bower) and Adam, a daughter, Isabel Alice. PATCHETT-JOYCE - On November 14th, to Alex (née Worthing) and Michael, a son, Harvey Thurston,

POUCKER - On November 25th to Patricia Williams and John Poucher, a beautiful daughter, Emilie Carys Rose. BAFFETY - On December 1st.
to Julia (née Cibbs) and
Robert a son. James Harry
Vezey, a brother for Fenella.
BICHMORD - On December
3rd. to Billy and Ruth (née
Wood), a daughter, Grace, a
sister to Georgia. SEDGWICK - On December 3rd, to Catherine (née Saundern) and Peter, a daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth.

WALKLING - On December
4th, at Queen Chariotie's
Hospital, to Deirdre (née
Moore) and Kim, a son,
James Christopher Charles. WELLIAMS - Patricia Wynne -See Poutner.

WYRG - On December 8th

1990, at Greenwich Hospital,
to Penny (née Crackneil) and
Christopher, a daughter,
Clementine Mary.

AYLGTT - On December 5th 1990. peacefully at home. Peter Charles, adored husband of Calor, dering Papa of Caroline. Elizabeth and Thomas. Dearly loved son of Violet and brother of Rob. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church Lockington. Church. Lockington, on Monday December 10th 1990 et 2.30 pm, Flowers may be sent to Church if desired. Grateful thanks to all the staff at Westminster

DEATHS

CAMBU - On December 2nd 1990, in hospital Brussels, Beigium, after a long ilmess, Francois, aged 32. The beloved son of Akain Carmu and Taisa d'Ayaia Vaiva, grandson of Mrs Anthony Crossley and Mrne, Louis Camu, brother of Adrien, Nicolas and Sophie Camu, Mrs Nagder Marten, Tancredi and Sebgstlan d'Ayaia Mrs Napier Marten, Tancredi and Sebastian d'Avaia Valva. The fuzzeral took place on December 5th at the Church of St Jan. Asist. 55. Drive des Gendarmes, 1180 Brussels, Belgium, 124. Selwood Place, London SW7. 'Thy faith have saved thee: go in peace.' Luke 8.60.

DURDAS-BEKKER On December 1st 1990, at home surrounded by his family. aged 56 years, Aediran Rupechi, of Armston Estate. Correbridge Middothian and South Africa. Cherished by Atmea. Rirsty and Henriera. his relatives and friends. Private tuneral mas aiready laken place. Details of Memorial Service to be announced later. Please no leners or caliers.

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FEDRO - On December 5th 1990, after a long litness, at home. Marie Fedro (Antonina Lukassewicz), formerty teacher R.A.D.A. Service on December 11th 1990 11 30 am Polish Catholic Church, 2 Windsor Road, Eding, Funeral thereafter to Mortuke Crematorium. No flowers piease, but donations if desired to Medical Aid for Poland Fund. 16 Warwick Road, London SWS.

Devon.

MAYES - On December 6th 1990. Arthur Arremas, Optometrist, formerly of Croydon. latterty of Trubridge Wells. Funerat Service at Fairwarp Church. on Tuesday December 11th at 2.15 pm. followed by interment. Family flowers only or donations to The Iris Fund for the Prevention of Blindness. Yorke House, 199 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7UT. All enquiries to Paul Bysouth Funerat Services, tel: Crowborough (0992) 655000.

JORDAN - On December 3rd.

(0892) 655000.

JORDAN - On December 3rd, tragically in a car accident in Egypt. Samuel William, deeply loved husband of Katherine, devote father of Rebecca, Laura and Rosy, Loving son to June and Sam, Funeral to be arranged. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Dr. Oliver, The Kidney Unit Fund, Churchill Hospital, Headington, Otdord, All enquiries to Surman & Horwood Funeral Services, let: (08444) 3842 or (0844) 51325.

tel: (08444) 3842 or (0844) 51325.

LINDEY - On December 5th 1990. Vera Rose Lindey, B.A. Hons. English, of Oakfleld Nursing Home. Bath, aged 81. Beloved stater of Dorothy Grey, of Enfleid and dear aunt of John Grey. A pupil of King Edvard's High School. Birmingham. Student at Sometville College. Oxford. and on the staff of Wakefleid High School. The Godolphin School. Salisbury and Bath High School. Funeral Service at Central United Reformed Church. Argyle Street. Bath. on Thursday December 13th at 11 am, followed by cremation at Haycotable Crematoriam, Bath. Pamily flowers only. please. Donations. In Neu of Rowers, may be made in favour of The Semantans C/o E. Hooper and Sons. 13 St James' Perade. Bath. Bat 11LL.

LUKASHEWICZ - see Fedro.

MACARTHEY - On December

MACARTNEY - On December 6th. peacefully at Isom House Nursing Home. Tebury, Patrick. aged 81. father of Armabella and grandfalber of Sebastian and Jessica.

MAURICE - On December 4th. MADISOR: - UNI DECEMBER - WALL very peacefully. Ernest Maurice. F.R.S.A., A.T.I.L. R.A.F. (nd), a dearly loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church. Wendover. of Tuesday December 11th at 3 pro. Farmity flowers only. Donations. If desired, to Cancer Research Fund. 2 Carlon House Terrace. London SWIY SAR.

MATHAM - On December 5th 1990, after a valiant fight against cancer. Matthew Lewis, aged 82 years. Dear husband of Gertrude, father of Philippa and Stella, grandfather of Kerrin. Anna, Celk and Rona. Funeral private. and Rona. Funeral private.

POLLAK - On December 4th
1990, in Hove, Stella Rita.
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borne, much missed by
relatives and friends. Service
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WEST - On December 5th.
Gooffrey West, D.Sc., dearly
loved and loving bashand of
Jean, dear father and
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IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

ASTON - Dr. Straon Robert.
Geochemist with UN, died
aged 39, in Monaco,
December 7th 1986. With
gralitude and pride we
remember Straon who gave
so much happiness during his
life and left such treasured
memories with all bis family.
MEALE - Str John, on this his
birthday. Always with great
love. Ett. Stella and Harry.
PUSSLEY - Rear-Admiral
Tony Pugaley. C.B.,
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salute. Tom & Dl.
STOKES - Claude Bayileid. In
loving memory of Claude d.
7/12/1948 and of his durling
Olga. nice Postovsky, d.
10/4/1982. Tamara.
WELLEMS - Lieutenant
Jonathon Peter R.N. Born in
Aldershot. December 7th
1964, killed in a flying accident in Kernya May 1989.
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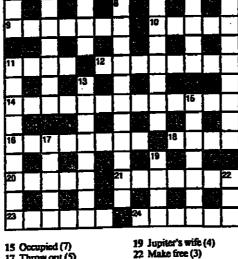
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the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the stild
Act.
Pursuant to Section (SEUZIA) of
the Insolvency Act 1986 five
Licensed Insolvency Practitioner
dealing with the Company's
affairs is Brian L. Lasky FCA
ROW. Lidgen House. 220
Chingsbury Road, London NW9
ORS.
Dated this 30th day of OBS. Dated this 30th day of

DRECTOR

IN THE MATTER OF
TOP 229 LIMITED
(In Members' Voluntary)
Liquidation)
Company Number 2423006
Notice to Creditors of
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November 1990 By Order of the Board S.T. TAIT DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICES

CHANCERY DIVISION
NUMBER CORDTO of 1990
MR JUSTICE MORRETT
MONDAY 18TH DAY OF
COTOBER 1990
N THE MATTER OF
MEDEVA PLC
-886-IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1986 NOTICE IS HEREBY CIVEN that the Order of the High Cour mai the Order of the Holls Court
of Justice Chancerry Division
delind 16th October 1990 condelind 16th October 1990 conbrinsing the cancellation of the
Share Premium Account of the
shore named Company was forshored by the Registrar of Compamiss on 7th November 1990.
Delon the 4th day of
December 1990
WALKER
OFTRINGER SALL
Marcoal House
293 Regent Street
Landon WIR 790
Tel. 071 631 4049
Solicitors for the above pamed
Company

Company No: CO1C229 of 1990 BY THE HIGH COURT OF CHANCERY DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF BTP PR

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Company Number: 2423006.
Name of Company: T.G.P. 229
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PETER JAMES YELDON, No.1 Reciting Homes Street Condon Section 1900. No.1 Section 1900. By whom appointed: MEMBERS.
Peter J. Yeldon Liquidation
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Liquidator
Notice of Creditors' Maetings in
Administration Procredings
IN THE MATTER OF
CASTILE PRODUCTIONS
GFARN-HAM LIMITED)
BY THE MACE OF THE
RISOLVENCY ACT 1986
Notice is harray diven that a
meeting of creditors in the above
matter is to be haid at Kents
Developments List. Kent Place,
Cutiditors Road. Farnham,
Sastry GUP 99°Z on the 14th day
of December 1990 at 11.00 am
hours to curnider our proposals
under \$2.311) of the Insolvency
Act 1986 and to consider establishing a creditors committee.

O C A MOREPHITES
The Johns Administrators
22 November 1990

G C A MORPHSTES
F F A WESSELY
The Joint Administrators
28 November 1990
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS
OF WORCESTER
REALISATIONS LIBRISHLY
On 16 November 1990 the company was pisced in creditors' voluntary lightdation. Pullip Edward
Baldwin and Dipasker Mohan
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company to the liquidators at the
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are requested to complete the
form issued by the liquidators
The liquidators reserve their right
to require a creditor to susport his
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PE BALDWIN
John Liquidator

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State for Energy for the grant of authorisation for construction of a cross-country pipeline.

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On copy of the Environmental Statement when the office of Lincolanher County.

the offices of Lincobsshire Councy Council.

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ARCO British Limited

Mr S Dunkley Cross Lanes Cross Lanes Off London Road

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COMPANES COURT
NOTICE IS HERESY GIVEN
that a Petition was on 2nd July
1990 presented to Her Mainsty's
High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the
capital of the above-aumed Companty from ETOLOGO to E122,090
AND NOTICE IF FUTTHER
GIVEN Intel the self Petition is
directed to be beard before the
Honourable Mr Justice Months at
the Royal Courts of Reffice,
Strand, Lossian WCIA 21., on
Monday the 17th day of Documher 1990
ANY Creditor or Shareholder
of the said Company desiring to
oppose the making of an Order
for the continuation of the said
reduction of capital should appear
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Company
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF
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NO: OUTGOO OF 1990
CHANCERY ENVISION
IN THE MATTER OF:
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THE COMPANES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HURERY given that a Petition was on the 12th September 1990 preferred in Her Meterly High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the State Countil by the sam of £5.900.000.

AND NOTICE ES FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition by the same before the High Court of Justice Hopographic Mr. Justice Movement the Reyal Courts of Justice. The Strand. London, WC2A 2LL 48 Monday. 17th 6ay of December 1990.

Any credier or shareholder of the said Courpany destring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the State Capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counter for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person or such that the purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person to the indermentioned Solicitors on any other same. payment of the regulation charge for the same. DATED this 6th day of December 1990 Ince & Co., Knollys House. 1: Byward Street, London. ECSS 65N. Ref: NSBG/DC/8a/78/24/80

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

IN PARLIAMENT SESSION 1990-91

BRITISH RAILWAYS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application is being made to Partiament in the present Session by the British Railways Board for leave to infreduce a Bill under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:

1. Community of the following works:

In the metropolitan borough of Tameside, Greater Manchester -Work No. 1 - A railway 1860 metros in length) at Guide Bridge, being a re-braisment of the railway between Crowthorne and Slockport Junctions: in the City of Liverpool Metrecyside -Work No. 2 - A railway (864 metres in length), being a retinate-ment of the loop line between Edge Loop and Olive Mount Junctions:

in the .netropolitan barough of St. Halena. Merseyside Work No. 3 - A ratiway (1.312 metres in length), being a reinstale-ment of the discontinued portion of ratiway between St. Helens Central and St. Helens Junction; In the city of Bradford, West Yorkshire •

in the city of Brastland. West Yorkshire Work No. 4. being a temporary deviation (394 metres in tempth) at
liansies of the Leeds and Salayton Rathway so as to accommodate
the provision of a bridge to carry the rathway over the proposed
Bibiley to Commigley Bar section of the Arnedale Trunk Ross,
technique provision for restoration of the rathway upon consistion
of the bridge and removat of Work No. 4:
In the city of Leeds, West Yorloshire Works Nos 5 and 6 - Rathways (334 and 1,100 matres to length)
comprising a partial remodelling of the trackwork between
Holbeck and Leeds North Junctions.
In the borough of Ashford, Kent Work No. 7 - A rathway (699 metres in length), being a lengthering
of work No. 1 A of the British Rathways (No. 3) Ball deposited in the
Session of Partiament is 1989-90; including censoin of the power to
make and matrians the part of Work No. 1 A substituted by work
No. 7 with provision for the stopping to at Wilesborough cotherwise Aylestord level crossing of Aylestord Place and the footpath
carried by the roothridge and abstituting for the latter a new
footpath soft notheridge cover the Ashford and Politections Rathway
and Work No. 7.
In the district of Seasettaw, partialies of Sturtion-le-Steeple and
North Leverion with Habblestroope, Nottinghamshire Work No. 8 - A rathway (725 metres in length), being a new chord
line at Clarborough:
In the district of Selby, partishes of Sherburn in Eines and Little
Faston, North Yorkshire -In the district of Selby, parishes of Sherburn in Elmet and Little Fenton, North Yorkshire Work No. 9 - A branch railway (1.462 metres in length) into the works of British Gypourn Limited, including the provision of a level crossing across Fanton Lane; is, the city of Peterborough and in the period of Bretton. Cambridgeshire -

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Dovedale is now part of the Peak District National Park GIFTS TO THE NATION

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birds that nest in Dovedale, while by

the side of the Dove are to be seen the

kingfisher, the dipper, the mallard,

and several varieties of water fowl undisturbed by thousands of visitors who each year visit "the world's divinest dale." Hurts Wood derives its title from a Derbyshgire family of that name - a former member of which married the grandson of Sir Richard Arkwright, of Cromford, the inventor of the

An outstanding feature of the wood spinning jenny. is the tall shaft of limestone known as Ham Rock ("Nature's leaning tower of Pisa"), which leaps into the sky from the river bed. Thee geological features of Dovedale have been described by one writer:- "The fact that Dovedale is a typical canyon in miniature with denudation of limestone and possessing so many fea-tures of educational and scientific value, being in fact a natural

ON THIS DAY 1933 text-book of geology, makes it of paramount importance that its preservation from any form of desecration should be secured for all

The Hall Dale (Greek Temple) property is divided from Hurts Wood by a very ancient mule track coming from Staffordshire into Derbyshire via Stanshope Hall, where Captain Jackson resided in the seventeenth century. It was he who first taught Charles Cotton the art of fly fishing. the famous angler being accustomed to use this bridle path on his frequent visits to Dovedale. Hall Dale is over 60 acres in extent,

and comprises the massive limestone outcrop known as the "Greek Temple," a succession of gigantic terraces scantily clothed with brushwood and covered with lichens and grass. The 'aiguille" — or needle type of limestone pinnacle, is well represented, and at the base of the cliff immediately opposite the "Doveholes" on the Derbyshire side of the Dove is to be noticed the peculiar shaped rock known as Shepherds Abbey, presenting the outline of an ecclesiastical building, while round a bend in the river, after passing an allotment of the new enciosure banked with yellow gorse, one arrives at the northrn end looking towards Mill Dale; where the precipitous "Ravens Tor" cliffs rise sheer from the bed of the glistening stream, hereabouts intersected by

numerous weirs. RARE PLANTS

The musk plant, water hily, and other rare aquatic plants flourish in the Dove, which is known far and wide for its trout and grayling fishing. It is recorded that Rousseau, staying near Ashbourne at Wootton

Hall (a refugee from Europe), planted various uncommon tropical seeds in Dovedele, while Sir Humphrey Davy, Rogers the banker poet, Michael Drayton, and Dr Johnson in their writings immortalized the valley which has been described as "a shedow cast from Paradise." Other famous men and women have been enraptured with the passing phases of this "Many coloured, many voiced vale, over whose pines and crags and caverns sail fast cloud shadows and sunbeams."

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Brown rice with a serving of cant

Libby Purves examines with trepidation the propaganda which could turn her children

into teenage mutant hero vegetarians

n the Thirties, George Orwell said: "Every intelligent boy of 16 is a socialist." The prin-ciple of teenage idealism and a healthy urge to change the world still holds good; except that today, every intelligent 16-year-old is an

The young greens are, naturally, bombarded with literature from pressure groups anxious to catch 'em young. Most eight-year-olds can now deliver a withering attack on their mother's furniture polish, and some turn out lights on the landing to save the Earth's re-sources. At this age, though, they find little difficulty in putting their own species first. Country children (or city farm-accustomed ones) would not want to see a pig suffer in an intensive crate, but find no difficulty in admiring a litter of piglets while contemplating toad-in-the-hole for tea.

As they grow older, things become more complicated. The trials of puberty bring on a fierce sentimentality and intense, desperately empathetic squeamishness. Animals are a useful focus for all kinds of emotions: a 14year-old may weep for hours over a fox cub but be unwilling to take any interest in the fate of poorer humans, let alone to divert any of her own money away from Madonna records. Such teenagers are a useful source of infantry on local demonstrations against hunts, circuses and battery farms: demos provide a handy peg for rebellion. And this is the point when anxious mothers stand aghast as their children make the ominous announcement: "I'm a vege-

Why ominous? Vegetarianism is a perfectly reasonable adult choice. The trouble is that nutritionally it holds so many perils for growing children that om-nivore mothers despair. To be a well-nourished vegetarian requires nutritional knowledge, self-discipline, and regularity of habits. Meat, after all, is a wonderful short-cut to certain necessary pro-teins and amino-acids, and the distrait spike-haired figure eating a messy chicken sandwich at 2am in the kitchen is, a parent can comfort herself, at least stocking up on what it takes to make him grow. Of course, so is the responsible domestic type cooking up kidney-bean goulash and chewing through muesli with fortified soya-milk, but this is not the

teenage norm. As one mother of two newly converted children put it in despair. They were so picky anyway that we are now on a diet of mainly raisins and brown bread. Frankly, I am beginning to suspect it is a form of modified anorexia. My eldest keeps telling me that Prince Charles is almost vegetarian, and I find myself snapping back that he is over 40 and he damn well wasn't living on beansprouts when he was 14 and

In the light of such anxieties, parents might be initially glad to hear of a magazine for child vegetarians. The Vegetarian Socicty's Greenscene is now on its eighth issue, claims a readership of 10.000 of its junior members, intends to go on public sale and could have been a wonderful vehicle for nutritional advice.

I have to tell you that it is not. Greenscene seems to me a zappy, slangy, well-produced hymn to every kind of illogicality and cant. It is a lost opportunity, proselytising where it could have helped narrow-minded where it could have been liberating. It makes you tear your hair out.

ake the star interview with television astronomer Heather Couper. Blithely she tells of refusing all meat at school and eating only the vegetables (a classic route to malnutrition). Sentimentally, she explains that her reason for giving up fish is not overfishing, but a friend's comment that a cod in a tank had "big brown eyes" like hers. The interviewer, in fanzine style, merely says "oo-er, spooky!" and commends her as brilliantly sensible".

On it goes, through cartoon strips about Space Sheep and Astro Pig, trendy imprecations against "Prat of the Year" John Gummer, horror pictures of battery animals, environmental sermons (all with a vegetarian bias) and endless puffs for gifts and right-on toiletries to "Spice up your Grimbo". When a poor 14year-old convert writes in saying. I feel so guilty . . . in a way I was a murderer", the editor cries "Wo yea! This is the stuff that fills my heart with joy!"

Even allowing for the shrill tone of all teenage magazines, the thing infuriating. It makes no constructive use of teenage ideal-ism, but is carefully calculated to

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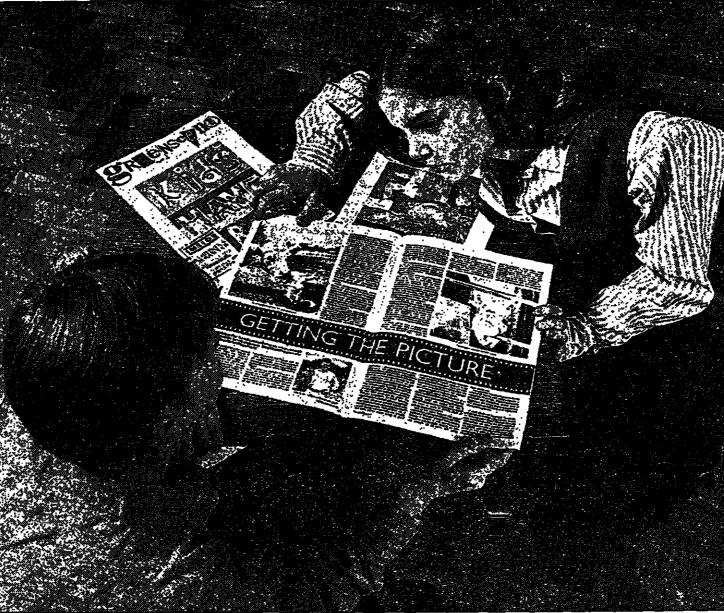
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A recipe for problems?: Greenscene magazine claims a readership of 10,000, but they are still in need of nutritional knowledge

harness sentimentality, self-doubt, guilt and clubbishness. Logic is never allowed to get in the way of sentiment: there are many sweet pictures and references to pet cats and dogs, whose necessary diet of meat supports a vast processing industry. There is lip-service to the ozone layer yet countless puffs for pop records, artificial leather, beauty products, cuddly toys, stickers and jewellery, all of which are unnecessary luxuries produced fuel-burning factories. There are idyllic pictures of cows and sheep, but no mention of the fact that if everyone went vegetarian none would be bred, and our landscape legacy of grassland and

grazing-marshes would be lost forever. The sole message is that as long as you do not put meat in your mouth, you are "Wo yea!" and groovy. The recipes are excellent but few, and there is no nutritional advice with them.

With persistence and ingenuity, family can feed a vegetarian child to healthy maturity. The real disaster is that by using the troubled compassion of children to put them off meat altogether, a vast opportunity is wasted. For it is true that much factory farming is disgustingly cruel: it is true that government has been complacent over diseases such as BSE and over animal drugs. It is also true that we eat - and, above all, waste - too much meat.

But vegetarianism is a blunt instrument. Out in the real world, there do exist organic and welfareminded farmers producing animals reared with kindness: economically, so far, it is hardly worth their while. Most of the population only bothers about price, and the worried few turn their back on meat altogether. If children and teenagers pestered their parents to buy less meat, and buy it from organic growers or genuinely humane chicken farms, there might be hope of a new balance. Or they might take an

Association, which lobbies for careful transport and killing: after all, even the RSPCA could find only 6.6 per cent of animals improperty stunned at slaughter in a recent survey, so public interest and pressure could abolish that small percentage entirely. Energetic teenagers who care could be the key to a genuine consumer revolution: instead, they are being soft-soaped into a faddish ob-

session with inner purity.

Forgive me if I rant. I am practising for the day, a few years hence, when my own children become Teenage Militant Hero Vegetarians. We shall have some

Thank you as she is written

Do children still

gratitude for gifts after Christmas?

write letters of

THANK you very much for the nice gloves you sent me for Christmas. They were something I wanted - but not very much This thank you letter sent to a fortunately amused granny is just the tip of the postbag when it comes to the etiquette surround-ing children's thank you letters.

Letter-writing is not an entirely lost art. A straw poll among ten junior scribes and their mothers revealed that three ten-year-olds pen their own letters, five eightyear-olds rely on mothers to make polite phone calls instead, and one six-year-old writes the old line to grandparents only. Thank you letters are a necessity in my eyes, if not in my children's. A certain amount of cajoling and threatening goes into persuading my six-year-old to scrawl a dozen or so versions of "Dear so-and-so". So far, his younger sister has been let off with a drawing expressing appreciation, plus an explanator note at the bottom from me.

Pictures, in fact, can be a good way of introducing young gift recipients to the art of thank you letters, according to Lynette Burrows, the author of Good Children and mother of six budding writers. now aged from 12 to 22. "When they were younger we'd sit down at the kitchen table on December 27 and make lino-cuts to print thank you letters and put personal messages on them. Another idea is to take a big piece of paper and draw an illustrated margin round it with the message "Do you like this drawing? It's to say thank you for" and so on. Children should be taught to write or draw some kind of thank you letter. It breeds good habits for adulthood."



or break the missive. Mrs Burrows suggests adults provide a rough phrase framework which offspring could then embellish: "Examples might include 'Thank you very much; what Christmas was like; who I saw, what I did, what the others did' and so on.'

Ivan Sokolov, a co-director of Parents Network, a support organisation, and the father of two boys aged 13 and 15, does not believe in forcing unwilling adolescents to produce the required result. "A parent has to act as a consultant and point out that people like receiving letters. It also helps to acknowledge a child's feelings by saying 'I know you'd rather play with your new game or go out with friends, but it would make your aunt feel good if you thanked her for the present she's

taken so much time to choose'. "I'd see a phone call as acceptable, although older people might not. It's often a generation issue, with older people expecting traditional, courteous values."

ONE might argue that it is up to parents to perpetuate those traditional, courteous values, starting young. Helen Crisp, a 29-year-old mother of two and a financial manager for Exploring Parenthood (another advisory organisation for parents), says forming good writing habits early breeds courtesy for life: "My own mother used to make me do mine before I went back to school, and if she didn't receive them from other children she might blacklist them on her present list the following year. I don't think there's anything wrong in being forced to write. It certainly made me continue to do so, some 20 years later."

JANE BIDDER Good Children by Lynette Bur-rows is published by Newpoint Publishing price £4.95

Putting men to paper The woman editor of the

mass-market men's maga-zine, GQ, is frustrated: she simply cannot find men to write about sex. Since taking the helm of the glossy Condé Nast publication last February, Alexandra Shulman, aged 33, has discovered a distinct reluctance among male writers to venture into what, to them at least, appears to be virgin territory.

"It has long been legend that whenever men gather together from the locker room to the bar they will happily discourse on any subject under the sun, so long as it isn't women or relationships," Miss Shulman says. "I now believe that the taboo extends to writing, too. And it is not that they are too embarrassed to bring the subject up because I am female. It's simply that they prefer to sit at a word-processor and wax lyrical about tennis, wine, chess, even pinball machines. But 'The Glory of the Breast? 'The Mysteries of

the Male Orgasm"? Forget it." She acknowledges, of course, that until recently there was in this country no literary forum, outside fiction and "girlie magazines", for male writers to explore relationships and sex. "So they haven't had a lot of practice. But I've come to the conclusion that the cliched 'new man', willing to discuss his emotions in public, is nothing

more than media myth.' This "peculiarly British, male coyness" (as Miss Shulman describes it) is evidently not a trait restricted to men who live by the pen. Eleanor Stephens, the editor of the successful Channel 4 series Sex Talk, which finishes next week, encountered similar reluctance among heterosexual men when she sought to recruit them for intimate discussion groups.

"The individuals who were most open were invariably women - both straight and lesbian," she possible Aids backlash, homosexual men were also extremely willing to come forward and bare

Magazines for men carry their share of articles on love and sex — but all written by women



GQ's Alexandra Shulman

their souls. But only a very small number of straight men responded to our initial invitation, which gave us little choice when assem-bling studio groups."

Ms Stephens feels the problem is because "British people have a problem with pleasure. There is a puritanical legacy of repression." Women, she says, have begun to break down the taboo — partly since the advent of magazines such as Cosmopolitan, which have for 20 years explored every inch of the human psyche and physique. "Ironically, it has left the British male deeply confused about how to relate to that socalled liberated woman."

On the other side of the Atlantic, Miss Shulman's counterpart encounters no such problems. "On the contrary," says Art Cooper, the editor of GQ in the United States. "In the States it is hard to find a man or woman who

will not write about sex at the drop of a condom. If a male writer has a 'performance problem', shall we bed and writes an article about it. Men are writing about sex more candidly than ever in the past, sometimes to the point of overkill, where you think do I want to know that much about someone?." Mr Cooper thinks that if Miss Shulman succeeds in "unblocking" her British writers, the magazine's 60,688 circulation may soar. "We have found overwhelmingly in our surveys of reders that the features about sex and relationships poil highest. The

all-time winner, in fact, was a very explicit piece on 'sackrobatics'." Perhaps Miss Shulman should simply follow the advice of Dylan Jones, the editor of Arena, the men's magazine which first hit the bookstalls four years ago. Mr Jones has all but abandoned trying to assign male writers to explore the subject of sex, deploying instead women such as Julie Burchill (on penis size) or (in the current issue) Kimberly Leston, who tackles the subject of fellatio. "Some years ago. I did commission a piece on fellatio, written by a man. It was very funny, and actually covered a lot of the same ground as this one; we couldn't run it, because in print it would have appeared far too sexist. A

s Stephens, who is devoting a six-part series to men's thoughts and feelings, says that 50 years ago Freud asked the question "What do women want?" "We have most of the answers to that conundrum now," she says. "In 1990 it is men who are the great mystery. Partly, it is because, even in 1990, British men would far rather write about war than write about sex."

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The records show he took the blows

Frank Sinatra is a mass of contradictions, but is indisputably the century's greatest popular singer. As Old Blue Eyes prepares

to celebrate his 75th birthday, George Melly pays tribute

least favourite Sinatra standard is My Way, a fakehumble, vainglorious load of schmaltz, but, as he prepares to celebrate his 75th birthday next Wednesday, no one could deny him the right to sing it. Whether that right is a matter for wholehearted self congratulation is open to ques-tion. It is true that the alleged Mafia connection was never made to stick but, although one must accept this, his public record has often been deplorable. Protected by goons and surrounded by sycophants, he could be absurdly arrogant. Even for its time, his male chauvinism was well over the top. He courted the White House regardless of the probity of its occupant. He was given to brawling and heavy drinking, and could afford to buy

his way out of trouble. On the credit side he has raised millions for charity and, more impressively, was often spontaneously generous to those down on their luck. He was a courageous fighter in adversity, a consistent anti-racist and, until John Kennedy chose, like a latter day Henry V dismissing Falstaff, to humiliate him, he was a political idealist.
His biographers have differed

widely as to how these conflicting aspects of this complex man add up, but not one of them, not even the consistently hostile Ms Kitty Kelley, has questioned his artistry. They all agree that be was the greatest popular singer of this century — the non-pareil. He could take a banal lyric, a

predictable tune, and lend it a poetry far beyond its merits. He could interpret a great song, apparently unassailable in itself, and wrest from it unsuspected layers of meaning, without betraying its essential qualities. Only Billie Holiday, whom he

has always acknowledged as his principal influence, is on his level as an interpreter. Only she had his ability to expose herself so rawly, to celebrate transitory happiness to the same heart-



Complex: Frank Sinatra

Despite my use of the past tense, Sinatra continues to record and appear before the public. He may still, who knows, aim a geriatric swipe at an obtrusive press photographer, or insult an unfriendly woman journalist. Nevertheless, at 75, his career, if not over, is in inevitable decline. When I last heard him, in 1984 at the Albert Hali, he was covering up his vocal shortcomings and stiffen-ing limbs by cunningly drawing attention to them. Yet there was still a lot going for him. His timing, his audacious phrasing, his throw-away showmanship remained intact. Even so, it was a sentimental rather than an inspiring evening, a ritual rather than a happening. I had the sensation that Time was in the wings, glancing at his watch.

It was of no account, though. Sinatra's immortality is assured and - happily for us, even more for future generations — it will not have to depend on memory or bearsay.

His most creative years co-incided with the invention of the long-playing record. The evidence of his unique ability is preserved in its grooves.

Although I am old enough to have followed his whole career, I came to admire him comparatively late. During his debut as a swoon-inducing bobbysox idol, I was entirely committed to early jazz. I never gave Sinatra a thought; he was not black, he didn't sing classic blues, he was backed by white swing bands. Of course, gradually, he strolled into my mind, glass in hand, coat over shoulder, cigarette dangling, but it was probably his Oscar-winning agreemence in From jazz. I never gave Sinatra a winning appearance in From Here to Eternity that persuaded me to take him seriously, to listen to his albums and realise just how close to jazz he was. And how close was that? That ugly cliché "jazz orientated" is

probably the most accurate defi-nition. Certainly without jazz he would not have sounded the same. His attack, his bent notes, his ability to swing at any tempo were all part of his jazz inheritance; yet, despite his recordings with Count Basic and Duke Ellington, jazz was only one of the good fairies around his cradle in Hoboken. His contribution has been to link jazz feeling and superior popular song, to build a bridge. He was a hybrid of

lmost from the start be knew exactly what he needed to back him: swinging well-crafted arrangements by people like Nelson Riddle, Gordon Jenkins and Quincy Jones. He understood exactly the material be could handle best: songs of lonely despair in the small hours, of sophisticated seductions, of "tickets to romantic places", of wry regrets at the wounds in-flicted by time, of wistful crotic memory. He couldn't help but be sexy, a potent mixture of arrogant stud and little boy lost.
His only serious failing was his

occasional inability to resist gilding the hily; to spoil the flawless lyrics of Cole Porter and others with "hip" embellishments even more embarrassing



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The love of his life: yet Frank Sinatra found he could not deal with the film star Ava Gardner

today than when they were at either role, and handed out as least current slang. His spoken good as she got. His disastrous introductions, too, were at times crass, especially given his other-wise impeccable feeling for how to shape his act and build its climax.

persona is enigmatic. Dominated and driven by his formidable mother, he never escaped from the whore/madonna syndrome. He could not deal with Ava Gardner, the love of his life,

relationship with the press was not all his fault. Once they had caught on to his inability to keep his cool, they goaded him until he broke, and then smugly deplored his lack of control. On the other hand, the unattractive Brat Pack was entirely his own doing. He had the chutzpah to rail against the bad behaviour of

rock stars, but his own hell-raising was just as boorish and

without even the excuse of

instant fame and money. In the end, though, none of this matters. Despite (perhaps because of) the chip on his shoulder, his arrogance and insecurity, his art touches us at a deeper level than we (and possibly he) realise. "And time," W.H. Auden wrote of a French literary monster of genius, "will pardon Paul Claudel. Will pardon him for writing well."
Change "writing" to "singing"

and it could apply equally to Francis Albert Sinatra.

The law of selection

How does an ambitious policeman reach the top? By taking gruelling tests

he senior policeman has scarcely left the room before the chief constables burst forth with enthusiasm. "I thought he was excellent," one says. "I think he was lively, sure-footed and personable," another adds.

The selection of the next crop of Britain's highest ranking policemen is under way. During the past two weeks 100 superintendents and chief superintendents have been assessed at a hotel in Eastbourne by teams of chief constables and civilians for a place on an annual senior command course. Anybody who passes through the six-month course should achieve the rank of at least assistant chief constable.

This is also a testing time for the entire police service. Criticised for failing to keep or promote talent, it has belately recognised the need for up to 30 qualified officers to fill

the top ranks each year.

During a three-day period candidates are split into sets of six, to be subjected to exercises which investigate their intelligence, numeracy, decisiveness and analytical skills. Each group of assessors, which is made up of two top officers and a layman, watches group exercises, and grades written tests and interviews. The system is based on that used by War Office selection boards in the second world war.

Although a candidate may be brilliant on paper, that will not be enough. "We will ask whether he has the steel to deal with problems, take decisions," an assessor says. Curricula vitae can provoke scathing responses. "On the face of it, this is a shallow man," a police assessor says of a candidate. Another officer notes a candidate is moved by man's inhumanity to

man, and comments: "As a policeman he should have got over that by now."

The candidates are asked to debate subjects including whether there are too many dogs, and the importance of green politics. One group argues energetically about dogs, without touching the issue of the increasing number of savage breeds. They are also asked to chair a committee of

The interviews can be crucial. The lay assessor takes the candidate through his private life, searching for depth and individual sparkle. The police assessors test professional competence. One officer delights the lay assessor, but another is dismissed as "lacking bottom".

Verdicts will be announced later this month. By that time the candidates will have recovered from a nerve-wracking experience. Last week one officer, told he was being given a committee exercise titled "Looming Crisis", replied: "It's been that for the last 48 hours.

STEWART TENDLER



RECORDS: ROCK

extreme

Vanilla loe: To the Extreme (SBK SBKLP9) Various: The Hot Spot (Antilles AN8755)

WITH rock and pop albums being released in unprecedented quantity onto a fragmented market, the only distinguishing feature of many new releases is the minute variation they bring to a homogenised selection of familiar themes. Vanilla Ice has rapidly mastered the process of synthesis, as his rise to the top of the singles charts with "Ice Ice Baby" proves.

This single is a finely con-structed confection, which owes some of its appeal to a sample from the Queen/ Bowie track, "Under Pressure" (a matter currently in litigation, since "Ice Ice Baby" has already out-sold "Under Pressure"); over an album of 15 tracks, Ice's facility for mixing from a treasure trove of devices evaporates until only cliché remains. The title, then, is a misnomer. To the Extreme is nothing of the sort, being functional and moderate.

If the syncretism of Vanilla Ice is motivated by finance, the soundtrack to the new film noir by Dennis Hopper, The Hot Spot, appears to have been assembled according to superfan principles. Just as sports fans debate the ultimate football team, so Hopper has imagined the band of his dreams and then made all the necessary telephone calls. Miles Davis plays lonely



Lone trumpeter: Miles Davis trumpet against John Lee Hooker's equally lonely guitar and vocals, and Earl Palmer supplies the heavy back beat. Jack Nitzsche, fondly remembered for his collaborations with Phil Spector and Neil Young, wrote the score. This is mood music in the nonpejorative sense, with the added frisson of answering the question, "What would it

Synthetic are synthetic of it's not funny, it's my fault's extreme

Chekhov, the Redgraves and a Soviet director: Robert Gore Langton anticipates Three Sisters

Russian language Richard III at the Roundhouse was the talk of the town ten years ago. The play was a critical triumph, performed by a company from Georgia in the Soviet Union and directed by Robert Sturua. Now Sturua, for the past 12 years artistic director of the Rustaveli Theatre in Tbilisi, is returning to the London stage with Chekhov's Three Sisters in a West End production starring the Red-graves. If the idea of a Georgian directing an English version of a Russian classic seems odd, then it is even odder still that this leading Soviet director, with some 60 productions under his belt, has never

before staged a play by Chekhov. Far from his home turf, Sturua is making good this gap with a very theatrical family. Three Sisters stars two sisters, Lynn and Vanessa Redgrave (as Olga and Masha), with their niece. Jemma Redgrave, as Irina. It is thus a family show, following the sisterly trend set by the Cusack daughters who, with their father Cyril, recently lent a touch of the blarney to Chekhov's masterpiece of provincial futility.

The story of this production is complicated, but Sturua succeeded through the efforts of Thelma Holt, his mentor and unofficial London agent. and the producer of this commercial enless theatre importer and the mastermind behind the National Theatre's foreign sea-.

sons, has exploited the mutual admiration between the performers and the director. Indeed, it was through Vanessa Redgrave's own independent company that Sturua's last production was brought to London briefly last year.

Having agreed on the Redgrave sisters. Holt supplied Sturua with a shortlist of supporting actors and he appears delighted with the resulting hand-picked team. In our interview he spoke only Russian, and through his assistant Helen Molchanoff (assisting as interpreter throughout rehearsals), he explained why he had never approached Chekhov before.

"Psychologically, Georgians are more theatrical than Russians," he says. "They don't much care for realism on stage and Chekhov writes realistic plays. Ostrovsky is more popular. Chekhov isn't staged very often. We are too close to Russia. If you make Chekhov very, very Georgian it becomes rather untrue, though, oddly enough, the problems of Chekhov's characters exist for us. Georgians don't speak openly about their suffering, they are more inclined to laugh, to conceal their

private drama and pretend everything is fine."

He believes the English tradition of doing Chekhov probably follows the Russian: over-rationalised characters with a heavy emphasis on the poetic weight of the unspoken. There has been of late a move away from the atmosphere of gentle sadness to something more mordant, but Sturua's approach will be to highlight the comedy, the unpredictability and sadness of the characters, while also establishing an ensemble feel which is the hallmark of his work at the Rustaveli. Excessive gloom is alien to the Georgian temperament. "It's impossible to stage it without humour. Chekhov attached so much importance to irony. If it's not

funny, it's my fault."

The problem of translating Russian-ness is not a big issue for Sturua.
"I think that with all great dramatists different nations just switch on to him in their own way. The psychology of the English is different, they can't really play Russians; but Chekhov is universal, each nation finds itself reflected in the work." As for the gimmick of having the ted by members of the

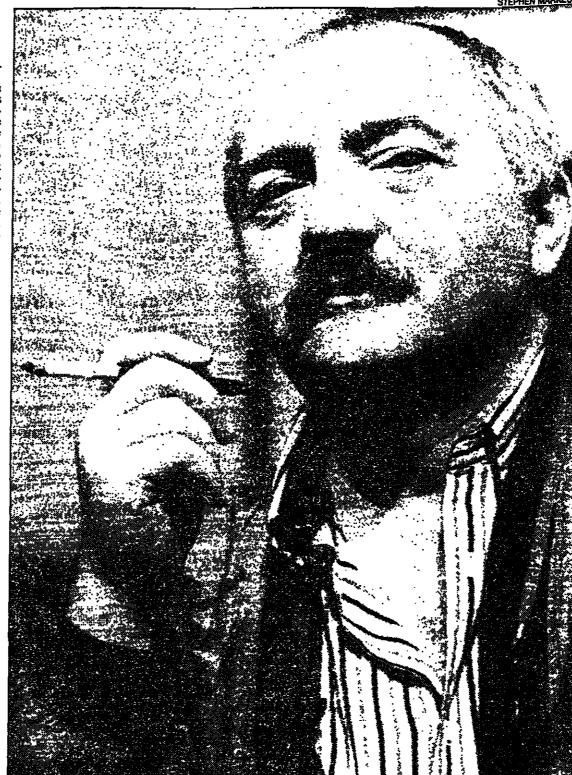
same family, though it has huge box-office appeal, Sturua does 'Relationships not necessarily regard often get in the it as an artistic advantage, "It could way. It is a help help or hinder. The because the theatre is a strange Redgraves work thing. People who hate one another offterprise. Holt, a tire- intuitively, always stage can work brilliantly together, helping one while close relationships often get in the way of the job. In this another instance it is a help

because the Redgraves work intuitively, always helping one another. I like the fact that such great actors as Vanessa and Lynn give me no complications. They have turned out

to be ordinary people, not stars."

Back at home, the Rustaveli has always played a prominent part in the Georgian nationalist movement, paying a heavy price in the 1930s when many of Sturua's predecessors were shot. Now independence seems a possibility. Meanwhile, the status of Moscow has changed: the city the sisters dream of has, he says, become a cauldron and no one knows what sort of soup will emerge from it. History is taking place before our eyes. Whether it means world catastrophe or the start of something new, no one knows.

Chekhov still touches on the problem. We see in this play characters who get together and could actually do something, while all they actually do is talk, talk, talk. In some way it echoes today on a deep level - the fact is that the most splendid character of the play dies



Robert Sturua: first time he has staged Chekhov in 69 productions, and far from his home tarf

prevent it; there's the tragedy." Sturua now directs on the international opera circuit; his next project is Tchaikovsky's Eugene on in the Soviet parliament, in

ago before the process of democratisation in Russia had begun, Now I find that Shakespeare has foretold the events of my country. The Onegin in Bologna. He argues that dictator leaves, and freedom is given with so much political theatre going to the children, but the children are even worse than their father because Georgia there is now a demand for they've been educated to become the permanent human values of the amoral. The state collapses and classics. This is not to say his output everyone dies. On tour in Italy the is uncontentious. Next year Thelma headlines said: "The Rustaveli King directors, too? "Unfortunately, yes,"

those terms when I staged it." Sturua's presence in Britain is part of the burgeoning cultural exchange now possible between East and West. He believes the mix is healthy, the barriers in a theatrical sense, artificial. "I believe all great writers have no nationality and all bad writers belong to one nationality - the nation of the talentless." Is this true of Holt may bring his King Lear to Lear: the apocalypse of the Soviet he says. "I belong to one country, but London. "I staged my Lear five years Union." But I didn't think of it in I don't know which."

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Feast of modern talents

THE Huddersfield Contem-porary Music Festival is now so capacious it can accommodate more themes than several. This year the Alfred Schnittke birthday concert. about which Stephen Pettitt wrote last week, was just the prelude to a wide-ranging retrospective, which itself was only part of a grand survey of new music from Russia and

adjacent states. Besides all that, there was a strong Australian injection, and room still for celebrations of Toru Takemitsu and Gavin Bryars. The sheer quantity and diversity, though, would be pointless without Huddersfield's other distinctions: high standards of performance and

healthy audiences. In the closing two days the New London Chamber Choir. under Paul Webster, arrived to offer typically strong performances and a stimulating contrast between John Tavener's music and that of eastern European composers. There was a similar commitment to the sacred, notably by Arvo Part and Sofia Gubaidulina. Tavener, even when setting Greek and Hebrew, sounded distinctly Anglican in this context, whereas the rudimentary character of Part's music, reduced to the fewest possible modal phrases and concords, seems to strip away any sign of particular cultural traditions other than that of

the composer's own output. His settings of German texts of the seven Magnificat anti-phons for Advent, written in 1988 and being sung here for the first time, are marked throughout by his harmonic style, and also by his gift for luminous vocal scoring. They sounded wonderful in the church acoustic of St Paul's Hall, and deserve a life in the liturgy of cathedrals.

The choir also gave rhythmically crisp but nicely fulltoned accounts of Stravinsky's compact liturgical pieces of the 1920s, and of his late anthem. The Dove Descending, which here, among so much unashamed tonality, was a lonely climb into the serial ether, and a nagging reminder of other musical worlds. It says something about the state of contemporary music that these two minutes of Stravinsky, who has been dead for nearly 20 years, should have provided the most challenging moment in three concerts.

There were certainly other pleasures, though, elsewhere. Elisabeth Perry surprised with a gently wayward piece for two violins, written the day before by Gavin Bryars and called The Corinthian Middle. It is typical of Bryars that we should be left waiting for the beginning and the end. Also in this programme, the short Still Life with a Violin was probably not the best introduction to the highly praised young Polish composer Hanna Kulenty, and the Schnittke theme burned itself out with the mildly amusing

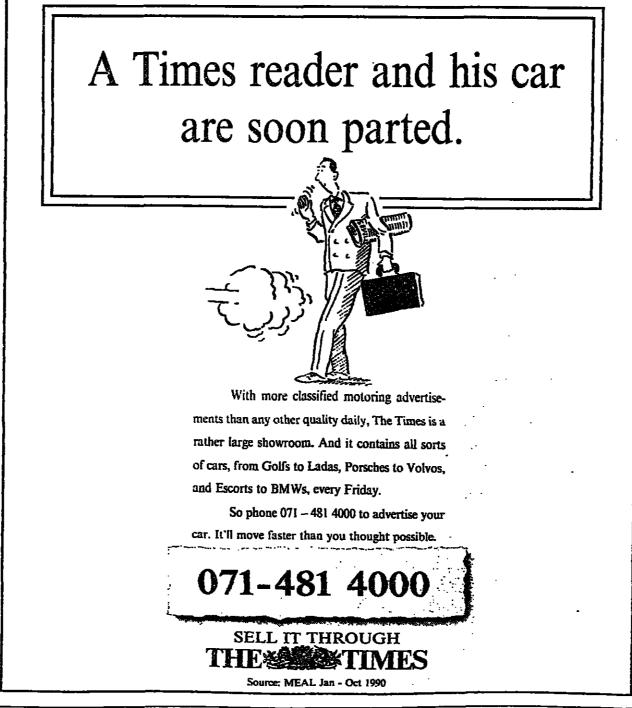
The grand finale was left to the Sydney percussion quartet Synergy, brought half-way across the world simply for its two Huddersfield concerts. It began with an astonishinely tight, unanimous rattle through Cage's Third Construction, and Australian pieces that followed were less impressive, its closing display of energy. speed and power in Japanese taiko drumming was spectacular. It was a pity no winning work could be found in the competition to provide them with a new British piece. Next year the festival intends to pursue this attractive policy of giving visiting ensembles some British music to take home with them, so that Huddersfield can become a worldwide instigator as well as a receiving centre.

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Realists revalued as tide of taste turns

John Russell Taylor conservative, highly graphic art just because of his absence from

suspects that a

nonagenarian genius has been overlooked

re there any great modern painters left to be discovered? The market like a giant vacuum cleaner, must surely have swept them all up by now. Fortunately, there is always the art world's passion for neat categorisation to erect artificial barriers against total knowledge. Lotte Laserstein (interviewed below, right), enjoying her second London show after a dazzling debut (at the age of 89) three years ago, is a striking case. She was a two-way loser of international celebrity. First, she emerged, painting in a powerfully realistic style, at a moment when Weimar Germany was looking in another direction. Second, she moved to Sweden in 1936 and stayed,

thereby setting up a persistent confusion about her nationality. Faced with her work, which in this show is bracketed with that of her first teacher at the Berlin Academy, Erich Wolfsfeld, and one of her first pupils, Gottfried Meyer, these quibbles and uncertainties seem sublimely irrelevant. It helps that she has reemerged at a time when taste is

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running strongly in her favour. A from his work. When the paintings world which thinks that Lucian Freud is one of the greatest living pain-

'She can organise ters is ready for Laserstein. scene, not only in This juxtaposition of three generations is revealing. ... but also in its Compared with her teacher Wolfsfeld. Laserstein emerges immediately as the born painter. Wolfsfeld (1885-1946) was justly famed as a

atmosphere' great teacher of drawing, and was himself a leading light in the etching revival at the start of the century. That much can quickly be seen: the etchings are complex yet incisive, the intricate compositions with their richly varied play of strong outlines impose themselves instantly. His paintings are more clusive: interesting and accomplished, but

somehow come out muzzy.
Possibly Wolfsfeld also suffered from being uprooted by the Nazis and spending his last 57 years in England. Again, there may be a problem of knowing which pigeonhole to put him in. So may there be with Gottfried Meyer, now a mere stripling of 79. After a period in a French prisoner-of-war camp at the end of the war he did go back to teaching in Germany, have entered his blood. It would be a mistake to write off his

the limelight: he has the strength of a great tradition behind him. However, it is Laserstein's art

that claims the most attention. She can organise with consummate mastery a complicated scene such as "The Discussion" (1931), not only in technical terms with its virtuoso handling of light and shadow, its contained dynamism, but also in its psychological insight and its creation of atmosphere. The "Boy with Motor-cycle" of 1929, a strongly head-on composition full of convincing detail (apparently she herself rode a motorcycle), also has an intense period feel, as though the motorcyclist himself might have stepped straight out of the pages of Isherwood. Not that there is anything dubious about the sexual shape of the young man: Laserstein's men are definitely men, and her women just as

definitely women. She is clearly interested in people. The same cannot necessarily be said for the painter who, for a week or so, shares Agnew's space with the German threesome. Keith Vaughan, as few can be unaware since the publication of his unexpurgated diaries and Malcolm Yorke's painfully explicit biography, was a homosexual and the sort of painter whose sexual orientation can easily be guessed

and drawings in the Agnew show, which ranges through his career. are figurative at all, they almost invariably begin from the naked male body, and that is more

than a mere formal convention.
This, unfortunately, is where puritanical notions intervene. In this country, erotic involvement of

whatever orientation is often considered an improper, or insufficient, motivation for art. The seriousness of an artist who loves to paint nudes is often felt to be measurable by the degree of "detachment" that he or she achieves. In Vaughan's case, sexual interest in the male form seems to animate the purely formal interest, without in any ay invalidating it. This formidably consistent

body of work embodies a rigorous stylistic exploration which never accepts easy answers. Every painter paints for some reason. With painting of this quality, the reason seems unimportant, compared with the result. Erich Wolfsfeld, Lotte Laserstein &

Gottfried Meyer/Keith Vaughan Agnew's, 43 Old Bond Street, W1 rn 9.30-5.30 (Thurs to 6.30), Wolfsfeld etc until Jan 4, Vaughan until Dec 14.



Portraitist Lotte Laserstein: "When I was five I had a kavalier of seven. I said to him, even then: 'Don't waste your time. I am going to dedicate my whole life to art.'

Birdlike figure who defied Nazis

here is a sharp command:
"Stay still!" I find myself
fixed in three-quarter profile, waiting to com-plete the social niceties. The hooded, eagle eye of Lotte Laserstein regards me critically. 'Yes, that's good. That is the angle I would draw you from." Taken aback, I stumble into conversation with this tiny, birdlike lady. Heaven knows why, for Laserstein is, after all, a brilliant and (in Scandinavia at least) famous portrait painter; a few months ago she completed her latest commission, an almost life-size portrait of a prominent Swede; and she works all day, every day, in the large studio attached to her flat in Sweden. She is also 92 years old.

Not that she seems to attach any importance to that. She does say that her bold, realistic style has become looser and freer in the last few years, "as my eyesight gets worse", and also observes that she continuously nowadays, because when I get excited painting, my

Lotte Laserstein, the veteran portrait painter, talks to John Russell Taylor

heart starts to pound and then I must stop. Well, only for half an hour, and then I can go again."

With her training, it is under-standable she should feel like a keeper of the flame. Her first formal teacher was Erich Wolfsfeld, himself directly in the great German realist tradition descended from Menzel and Liebi. She has seen her approach to painting go in and out of fashion several times, and is now philo-sophical if British critics tend to label ber, for easy identification, as a precursor of Lucian Freud, whose recent paintings have a haunting resemblance to the sort of thing she was doing in the Twenties. Did she like Frend's work? "The technique is extraordinary. But," (she wrinkles her

nudes are . . . too nude."

An interesting judgment, given

and unsparing, and not in the least ladylike. She admits that she is a tough disciplinarian with her sitters: her favourite model through the years, Traute Rose, had not only the Amazon figure of an athlete, but also the physical strength and coordination which enabled her to hold difficult poses for hours. Laserstein was also a successful teacher, setting up her own school at the age of 24. "Are you a painter?" she asks. No, I say; I have never been able to draw anything so that anyone else would recognise it. She snorts. "You would if you had been to my school." I suspect I would never

that Laserstein's painting is strong

have dared not to.
She had to make her way in the man's world of art in Weimar a kavalier of seven. I said to him, even then: 'Don't waste your time.

I am going to dedicate my whole life to art. I shall not have the time to marry you or anyone else." With one Jewish grandparent,

she had an increasingly difficult time when Hitler came to power. Her pictures were officially pronounced worthless. In 1936 she went to visit friends in Sweden, and was providentially offered an exhibition there. By devious means, she managed to get all her paintings out of Germany. "I knew I could never go back, because they told me that I had acted illegally in taking these paintings of high value out or the country - suddenly they were not worthless any more - and I would be arrested if I returned."

After 53 years in Sweden, she regards herself as more Swedish than German, and talks in an unpredictable mixture of Swedish, German and English. She has led such an astonishing life that it seems a pity there is no biography would be interesting. When I am dead they can do it.'

CRITIC'S CHOICE: GALLERIES

LITERALLY SURREAL: Gam Winogrand, who died in 1984 at the age of 56, was clearly a cameraholic. But it tended to be weird and wonderful: the American way of life seen through the eyes of a surrealist. Hayward Gallery, South Bank Centre, SE1 (071-261 0127) daity 10-6, Tues, Wed to 8, until Feb 3.

WAR VICTIM: Among the sadder losses of the first world war was the poet and painter Isaac Rosenberg, who died at only 28. This centenary show does full justice to all his abilities. Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road SE1 (071-416 5000), daily 10-6, until PLEASURE DOME: Winners and some

losers from the recent competition to design a new pavilion for Soane's **Dulwich Picture Gallery** 9H Gallery, 26-28 Cramer Street, W1 (071-486 3555) Tues-Fri 12.30-6 (Thurs to 8). Sat, Sun 2-6, until Dec 21. FEMALE IMPRESSIONS. Berthe Morisot was Manet's sister-in-law and sometime sitter, but she brilliantly made her own way as a major impressionist Her paintings, watercolours and drawings have a rare delicacy and

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Temples in teasing transparency

experimental, yet an engraver cannot afford to be tentative. Only experience teaches how a design or produces bold bas-reliefs in drama and Grecian urns. particular mark on the glass will look once properly lit, so yet distant. that the clear surface disappears into black and the medium requires), her woengraved areas glister. Yet once made, an abrasion or stipple-point can never be mythological figures. erased. The years of experi- acknowledges the influence of ence now on show at Asprey Eric Gill (at least one of whose have led three artists to explore very different forms of successfully transferred to drawing in glints.

Using a copper wheel to cut into the surface of full lead crystal vases or into the back of optical glass panels of her shape of "Europa" - belongs own design, Jane Webster

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reverse, beautifully textured, Sharply defined (as this men, with their long, flowing hair and drapery, are posed,

wood-engravings has been glass), but the frozen animation of the gossips or rivals in "Scandal" - as well as "Siegmund" and the Attic

Ingraving on glass is always more or less always more or less experimental vet an enthree outstanding glasswork artists

> James Denison-Pender's stipple people are a complete contrast: contemporary, naturalistic, casual. They look like snapshots - the Kenyan boy and his passengers on a ferry - although several are imaginary, inspired by A Mid-summer Night's Dream, Delius, and poems by Hardy and A frequent visitor to Africa,

Denison-Pender also engraves wild animals: elephants and egrets on a bowl, a baboon on goblet, and, most successfully because of their markto the world of formalised ings, cheetahs and zebra. Some animals closer to home are drawn in a way that is merely pretty: some widgeon in rather poor perspective, Cumberland sheep. These fail to bring out the peculiar properties of glass, and particularly curved glass.

Denison-Pender began engraving after seeing work by Laurence Whistler, and the same presiding inspiration is unmistakable in the large scenic goblets stipple-engraved by Laurence's son, Simon. His series of seven Welsh landscapes in the foot-steps of Turner concentrates upon effects of shadow, radi-6767), until December 24. Welsh landscapes in the foot-

Architecture

theme. "The Midnight Owl" combines the straight vista of a ruined priory with the curve of a goblet to give an eerie effect: as the glass turns, the north wall becomes the south wall and reverts, with the viewer seeing alternately into and through the engraving. A large and remarkable bowl, "Templa Quam Dilec-

ta", shows all 43 of the buildings - temples, turrets, follies - at Stowe, engraved right around the surface at approximately the correct points of the compass. Five buildings no longer extant appear in ghostly outline, an effect well-suited to glass. Like his father, who has engraved these same threedimensional conceits. Simon Whistler learnt a love of

architecture while at Stowe School. Now, delightfully, the school has repaid his devotion by buying the bowl. More topical among Whistler's pieces are a superb bicentenary dish by Steuben Glass, incisively engraved with twelve passages of Mozart's music; and a magical flute.

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Yorkshire pudding in the sky

THEATRE Time and the Conways Old Vic

THIS is the one with the Oliviers. Last Sentember the famous family play had the Cusacks in it, and next week the same famous play (Three Sisters) will be having the Redgraves, but here and now it is Olivier time Joan Plowright (Lady O) plays J.B. Priestley's dragonish matriarch, Mrs Conway; Tamsin plays one of her daughters, Julie-Kate another, and son Richard directs them all and seven other performers besides.

The play is not good. The dialogue is of the quality sometimes termed "workmanlike", much as rough planks dropped across a spot of marsh will adequately work to keep feet dryish. Priestley's artlessly trimmed duckboards bear cast and audience along from the start of Kay's 21st birthday in 1919 (everyone madly playing charades) to the party's end a few hours later with most of the family, six young Conways all told, still looking hopefully forward into life.

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What they do not know - ah, the irony of it - is what will have happened to them 20 years on. But this precious knowledge we in the audience have learnt, because JB has inserted between the first and third acts, which are set in 1919, a middle act from 1938. And here we have seen hopes abandoned, lives in tatters, the wages of selfindulgence, and all the mischief



Julie-Kate Olivier (left), Susan Kyd and Joan Plowright in Time and the Conways at the Old Vic

caused by what Kay calls, "The great Devil in the universe that we call Time". There is much ponderous talk of this nature, because what we have here is one of those occasions in the theatre that we

call the Very Devil. The play contains one ingenious idea - and fair's fair, the two steps forward, one step back construction was an idea of real originality. Forget the fatuous time-theory that poor Alan, the good son (Andrew Hawkins), is required to expound. That seems to boil down to the banal notion that life is made up of woe and joy,

and maybe at the end we shall find Joan Plowright's bubbling voice that all is well. It sounds more like again, a lovely sound to remind

old Yorkshire pudding in the sky. Priestley hopes his rearrange-ment of linear progression will tweak our minds to see life's ironies afresh. But unravel the plot and the characters are found to be wafer-thin. They say nothing profound; they say nothing that is even interesting ten unimpressive creatures are glimpsed at moments in their ordinary lives, and we learn what? That a mother can spoil a daughter's life, and what with the slump you cannot rely on

Of course it is grand to hear

A DANCE

Onegin

Theatre Royal, Glasgow

GLASGOW is beginning to make

a habit of booking internationally

famous dance companies which

by-pass England. Last year it was

New York City Ballet, this year

the Stuttgart Ballet. It has brought

two productions: John Neu-meier's A Streetcar Named Desire,

opening tonight, and John Cran-

The latter has been for some years in English National Ballet's

repertoire, but given only a hand-

ful of performances annually,

usually with guest stars. The

Stuttgart company receives these

guests too, but naturally it wanted

to show Glasgow what the home

team can do with the work created

ENB productions are identical. In

practice there are many small but

telling differences. The London

team could pick up ideas about the

lighting and, more important, how

to maintain liveliness in the party

scene without exaggeration.

Above all, considering how realis-

tic Stuttgart's older characters

Theoretically the Stuttgart and

ko's Onegin.

for them.

around the stage so that when someone has a longish speech she has room to walk about. To what

> JEREMY KINGSTON pieces which turn ENB's cast into

those of us with long memories of

many rich performances in richer plays. Tamsin Olivier's voice has

something of the same quality,

poignant in her moments of tears.

Susan Kyd and Julia Swift seize

their few chances, the one to be

horty-torty, the other to inspire her

man from the back of a sofa.

Richard Olivier spreads his cast

a bunch of caricatures. The principals I saw were the second of two casts in Glasgow, and almost all of them are new to Britain. Wolfgang Stollwitzer, in

the title part, is a young dancer of obvious promise: tall, slender, with chiselled good looks, a strong partner and with more technique than we usually see in the role.

Annie Mayet's Tatiana is especially successful in showing the transition from young girl at the beginning to married woman at the end: much changed outwardly but at heart the same. She shows, in many detailed touches, the benefit of working with Marcia Haydee, Cranko's first Tatiana and now the company's director, but she makes it all look both

heartfelt and personal. Olga becomes a more brittle flirt in Dominique Charlier's interpretation, and Friedjof Gensel's Lensky does not get much fire in his blood until about to die. But we have been spoiled in London with some exceptional performances in all these roles, and if Stutteart did not offer the supercharged emotions of some past star-studded cast, it showed the virtues of a strong, cohesive ensemble in a production maintained in meticulous order.

JOHN PERCIVAL

soring out love guit and marriage. Bewitching performance by Joseffe Simon. National (Jyroshori) South Bank, SS1 (Q71-928 2252) Underground/6R Waterloo, Towght, temprow, 7 30pm, mai temprow, 2.15pm. Running time. 20rs 55mms.

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NEW RELEASES

DEATH WARRANT (18): Action video long Jean-Claude van Damme as an underzover cop in prezin Bloodfirinsty

HOME ALONE (PG): Pucky lid left alone at Circums wards off bumbing burglars. Broad, machine-tooled American family fun

Ocean Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Warner (071-439 0791) Whateleys (071-792 3308/3324)

◆ THE HOT SPOT (18): Reging excest free and duplicity in a lazy Texas town,

delcousty evoked by director Dentes Hooper Don Johnson as the drifter who unearths a homet's nest, Virginia Madeen

as the horner. Curvion Chalses (071-352-5096) Prince Chartes (071-437 8181).

MISTER FROST (15): Tedious Anglo-French Ibly wasting Jeff Goldburn as a mass mudister who assems to be Sassa incarnate Alan Bases, Kathy Baiver, director, Pixip Sathon.

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TEXASVILLE (16): Hollow absurded comedy practicing the repringe cherecter, the Lest Picture Show into quotul modificacy Jeff Bridges Cybib Shepherd, director, Peter Bogsterovich.

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TIME OF THE GYPSIES (15): Noisy account of Vigories gyrosy vourgesters concernited who an army of treeves. Dezemg set-orace but the deponted remainer sages the film's energy Director, Erus Kusturics.

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AN ANGEL AT MY TABLE (15): Jene Compror's excellent thin about the New Zestand writer Janes Frame. Berticen (071-638 9991) ICA (071-630 3647) Renoir (071-637 8402).

THE BIG PICTURE (15): Gantal setting on

AFTER THE FALL: Arthur Willer

Hollywood movemaking from two atumni of This is Spinal Tap. Christopher Guest and Michael McKesn, with Keven Bacon as a young

loves of a Parisan layebut a pronaing debut by young French director Enc Rochent, with dearming performances (happolyte Grantot, Minishe Paris), Penoir (071-83? 8402).

I THE BOYS NEXT DOOR: Tom DI THE BOY'S MEXT DOOR! Total Griffin's patternising view of the mentally li-adjusted Fine acting, with Steve Guttenberg Transfer from Hampstead. Comedy Theatre. Penton Street, SW1 (071-887 1045) Underground Proceedity Mon-Thurs. 8pm, Fn, Sat. 8.30pm, mass Fn, Sat, 5.30pm Rustring time. 2hts 10mms. Ends December 29.

☐ BURNING PATIENCE: Exiled Childer LI BUTHARIMS PAIR INVOCE EXISTS CRISES TO post Petro Nerude netgo he postmen to win the Innkesper's daughter, gravely charthing towe story. Soho Poly Riding House Street W1 (071-536 9050) Underground Oxford Circuis. Mon-Sat Born Running time. 2hrs. Until December 15

CI ETTA JENKS: Miranda Richardson as the soled horome of American porn, strong play by gited have writer. Martene Meyer. Royal Court, Stoane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745/2554) Underground Stoane Square. Mon-Sat. Spm. mar Sat. 4pm. Running time. 2hra. Endis December 17.

2 GASPING: John Gordon Sinclair and Jim Ceres in Ben Bloon's greenish cornedy.
Rather over the top but lots of laughs.
Thestre Royal, Haymantst SW1 (071-830
8800) Underground Peccadilly Mori Thurts,
8pm, Fn, Sat. 8.30pm, mat Sat, 5pm.
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Peter Barnworth in Smoon Gray's thought-provoleing play about family betrayate. Vauudeville Strand, WC2 (071-836 9367). Underground Charing Cross Mon-Fn, 7.45pm, Set, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time. 2hrs 15mms.

PELLEAS AND MELISANDE: The new Englan National Opera production of the fated love between nati-houser and sater is staged by David Pourtirely and conducted by Mark Eder the team that produced the excellent Wozzack earlier in the sesson. The production of Debussy's work offers some powerful singing from Calbyin Pope (Métisands), Thomas Randle (Pelèss) and William White (Golaud). Colliseum, St. Martin's Lame, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm. PELLEAS AND MELISANDE: The new

LOTHAR ZAGROSEK: Zagrosek conducts the perustimete concert in the BBC SO 60th annevertisery sente, featuring celler Frances-Mene Lutt in the world premises of Jonathan Hervey's Cello Concerno (which was napred by Uitti's playing). The concerto may mark a partiel return by Harvey formerly music professor at Subsex University to ecoustic instruments after some visit electronic access. The programme

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country.

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COME SEE THE PARADISE (15) Alan Parker's remarks drams about the Americal treatment of the Japanese after Pearl iter's romantic treatment of the Japan

THE COMPORT OF STRANGERS (18): Rugen Everen and Netestra Acchardson mooching around Vernice, fatting prey to the warped Christopher Walken. Labonous

psychological drams. Curzon Maytair (071-489 3737). DR M (18): Alan Bates as a mysterious tycoon who induces Berliners to commit succes Unieved, quirty thrifer from Claude Chabrol. vion Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836

♦ THE EXCRCIST #II (18): Unwanted, threadbare sequel which thes to make up in ranging acting what it factor in shocks. Carsonice Heymraries (971-639 1527) Outron Street (971-636 0310).

♦ FLATLINERS (15): Kiefer Sutherland ◆ FLATLINERS (15): Kiefer Sutherland. Julis Roberts and Kevin Bacon as medical sudents protong the bouncaires between death and ste Director, Joel Schumacher. Cannons: Cretese (071-352 595). Statissbury Avenue (071-856 8961) Odsons: Kensington (071-602 6644) Mezzanine (071-803 6111) Swest Cottage (0425 914 098). Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE FRESHMAN (PG): Quirty, uneven epoct of The Gootstree, with Merion Brando as the mobiliser who have a New York fam student (Matthew Brootseck) as a delivery-boy. Odeon Mezzistine (071-930 B111) Screen cer Street (071-935 2772).

♦ GHOST (12): Jerry Zucker's supernatural thriller Bizzarra, incoherent, but absorbing while if lests. Cernionis Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulhern Road (071-370 2535) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324). ◆ GOODFELLAS (18): Mentin Scorsese's gangster epic following a New York hoodlum's

THEATRE GUIDE Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London

House full, returns only Some seats available ☐ Seats at all prices

III INTO THE WOODS: Sondheim's withy mis of leavysies, grimmer than Granm in the first nati, rune stostly thereefer.
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To Miss JULIE: Powerful, subtle performances in Samitolog's drame of social climbing and sexual stumming.
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PRIVATE LIVES: Keith Beder, Joen Collins and Sara Crowle in Coward's comedy. Althryct. Althryct, WC2 (071-636 6404). Underground Coverd Garden Mon-Frn, Spm, Sat, 6-30pm, mets Web. Spm, Sat, 5-pm. Running time. 2hrs 15mins.

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NETROPOLITAN (15): Whit Stitmen's whickedly prone comedy of manners set among New York's disbutantes and prepries over one Christmes noticely With disciput, engaging young extors, slegant disection. Centron Chelses (071-352 5096) Lumere (071-356 0991) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3096).

THE MUSIC TEACHER (U): Belgian tale THE MUSIC PECHEN (Los van Dam) training two new apprentices for a competition Premity mounted, but wearisor genteel Director, Genard Corbau. Minema (071-235 4225).

MY BLUE HEAVEN (PG): Steve Marter MY 900E Intervent in Justice and in an encompible command placed under wing of a stiff-necked FBI agent (Rick Moranis) Overstretched comedy. Cermon Partion Street (071-830 0631) Warmer (071-839 0791).

Warner (U71-436-0191).

PRICESUMED INNOCENT (15): Alan

Depute's rivering, thoughtful version of Scott
Turow's bestaeter, with Harrison Ford and
Greta Scacchi.
Cannons: Fullham Road (071-370-2636)
Outpro Street (071-439-0791)
Whiteleys (071-792-3303/3324).

THE SHELTERING SKY (18): A chilling

novel thy Paul Bowes; filmed with a warming visual sweep by Bernardo Berfolucio with John Malkovich and Debra Winger.
Ocean Lencester Square (071-630 8111). • TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES

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THE REHEARSAL: Ian McDiarmid's syles production (costumes by Jasper Conran) of Anouth's seduction day. Gernok Channg Cross Ross. WC2 (771-379 6107) underground Leucestes Sousse. Mon-Sat. 7 45cm, mats. Tues. 3cm, Sat. 4pm Rumming time. Zhrs 30m/se.

☐ THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW: Raucous and wild bold and bizarre, sometim deatening rock musical. Piccachity Deniman Street. Wt (071-887 1118) Underground Piccachy Circus. Mon-Thurs. 9pm. Fn., Sal. 7pm and 9.15pm. Running time: 1hi 30mms.

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(II71-887 1116) Underground Leicaster
Square Mon-Set, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm,
Sat, 4pm. Running time, 2hrs 20mms.

TECTONIC PLATES: Life on the move: magnative production by Robert Legage's Cuebec-based Theatre Repere Mobile grand pienos are just part of the action. National (Cottassice) (as left). Tonight, temperow. 7pm, max temperow, 2pm. Umil December 13.

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Theatre Royal, Glesgow (041-382 9000),

Roughout, Richard Aleson's new work for Rambert, set to two people by Steve Rech, receives its world premiere tonight and tomorrow. Works by Stochan Devise and Glen Tettey complete the programme. Theatre Royal, Newcastle (081-232 2501), 7 30-on.

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CINEMAS

CONCERT Philharmonia/Flor Festival Hall

THE Mozart bicentenary has officially started: at least, The Times/Sunday Times Mozart Bicentenary Festival is under way, launched with a blaze of C major from the Philharmonia under its principal guest conductor-elect. Claus Peter Flor. Flor has been making quite an impression since his first appearances in London, and this triple bill of symphony, concerto and mass gave him ample opportunity to prove that he is, among other things, a

sensitive Mozartian. The symphony was No 34 in C major. K. 338, a work whose infectious exuberance and sunny, if not entirely unclouded, mood were admirably captured by orchestra and conductor. The vivacity of the finale was particularly delightful, the reduced string ensemble skipping along with light bowstrokes and taut rhythms.

In the other movements Flor demonstrated his ability to give shape and colour to phrases, a facility put to good use too in the Sinfonia Concertante for Violin heim crescendo" at the beginning

of this work was as skilfully negotiated as any I can remember. an exhilarating surge such as would have delighted Mozart's Mannheim audience, but without any trace of vulgarity.

The Sinfonia Concertante is not a work for gluttering exhibition-ism, and Victor Tretyakov and Yuri Bashmet both resisted the temptation, concentrating rather on subtleties of tonal colouring and phrasing. Their partnership with each other and with the orchestra could not be faulted: a true dialogue, in which each participant was self-evidently listening with as much concentration as he was expressing himself. For the concluding "Coronation" Mass, K 317, again in C

major, the orchestra was joined by London Voices (director Terry Edwards), whose nifty articulation in the fast movements matched that of the strings. The grandeur of the opening Kyrie was impres-sively sustained, and the hushed passages of the Credo executed with no less skill. The gorgeous soprano line of the Agnus Dei was floated wonderfully by Yvonne Kenny,

David Wilson-Johnson. BARRY MILLINGTON | no excuse for the ghastly head

the other, smaller, solo contribu-

tions being made by Kathleen

Kuhlmann, Kerth Lewis and

Into the "and more" category fell King's first-ever composition, which had juvenilia written all over it but, kicking off with a svelte trumpet solo, at least served the purpose of showing that King's allegiance to the jazz idiom has lasted all his musical life. Taken in tandem with the funky gurgling of his bass in a new song called "Set Me Up", it was an advertisement for the forces which characterise

two leaders retain an allegiance to

to ten more years.

JASPER REES

ROCK Level 42 Hammersmith Odeon

THE ten navigation-aiding dots on Mark King's fretboard were illuminated by red bulbs, which were pretty to look at but constituted a misleading visual pun. One's thoughts turned to red light districts without any prompting from the music on offer, jazz may have seedy associations, but as purloined by Level 42 the rhythms were strictly sanitary.

Still, King's cavalier treatment of the bass guitar being a sight show's longueurs one had time to worth beholding, it was hard to put a less than generous inter-

drag one's eyes away from this mini-lightshow. He addresses the instrument's fretboard and strings with the casual wristiness of an Afro-Caribbean percussionist, fuelling a suspicion that if, in any other band, he would have merely been one half of the rhythm section, in this band he is not quite sure which half that is. Is he bassist or bongoist? Either way, he possesses the music industry's most exorbitantly insured right thumb, and that puts him centre stage.

Having lasted ten years and ten albums, Level 42 placed an emphasis on endurance that was perhaps heavier than necessary. During some of the two-hour show's longueurs one had time to

pretation on the phrase "all the hits and more".

Level 42's multicultural brand of

Topped off by the well-rounded vocal performance of King and keyboardist Mike Lindup, it all made for a satisfactory fusion. It is a bizarre fact, then, that the band's

the whining guitar solos. Allan Holdsworth, the hired hand who played them, was brought in, as they say in other fields, to do a job. It was bardly his fault that against a rhythmic backdrop they sounded vulgarly out of context. The hits, particularly "Running

in the Family" and "Heaven in my Hands", always returned to rekindle the performance whenever the "and more" threatened to extinguish it, and the show ended, as it had begun, with a generous supply of them. As they used to say in the Conservative party, King is doubtless looking forward

TODAY'S EVENTS

Schoenberg. Festival Hall, South Sank, London SE1 (071-928-8800), 7.30pm.

having to withdraw because of ackness, the is a welcome roturn to London for the distinguished Swede, who will give his first London recotal for over a year. His all-

STUTTGART BALLET: The ballet

OLAF BAER: With Brigitte Fassbeende

Brains programme will include Vier amote Gesange. Op 121, which was already acticulad for today.

Wignore Half, Wignore Street, London Wri (071-935 2(41), 7.30pp).

company on its first wait to Britan since 1981, ends its residency at Gleegow with the Britain premiere (tompfit and tomorow) of John Neumeer's A Screenier Named Desire.

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RAMBERT DANCE COMPANY: 7.30pm.

MZWAKHE MBULL: Mbuil, nicknemed "the people's poet", was the star attraction in the Zabalaza Festival of South African culture earlier has year but was refused a travel was by the authories the now appears in London for a one-off performance of his poetry, which has receitized the ancient oral tradition of prese charting.

Lambeth Town Hall, Acre Lane, London SW9 (071-482 3753), 7 30pm.

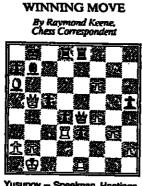
WORD-WATCHING

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(b) Patron of cripples, a hermit who was accidentally wounded by a king of France out hunting. He refused to be cared, the better to mortify his flesh. His chapels are usually outside town walls, cripples and beggars not being allowed to enter the gates. MACHAR MACHAN
(a) An Irish missionary, he came to long with
Columba, and went on to convert the heathen
Picts around Aberdeen, where he is often

described anachronistically as the first bishop. PLEGMUND (a) Plegarand was a hermit on an Island near Chester, called to the Wessex count by Alfred, whom he helped with his prose, including the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle. Chosen Archbish in 890, he went to Rome for his palliam, and

crowned Edward the Elder at Kingston. (c) Eighth-century Scot who lived at Ogilvy (Forfarshire), married, had nine daughters, with whom, after his wife's death, he lived a religious life. Natural features known as the Nine Maidens are named after his girls.



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1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather 1.30 Neighbours. (Caefax) 1.50 Film: Going My Way (1944, b/w).

Bing Crosby stars in the Oscar-winning tearjerker about an unorthodox young priest who wins over his grumpy superior (Barry Filzgerald) and a gang of street urchins. Directed by Leo McCarey 3.50 Children's BBC: Bump. Carloon

3.55 Corners. How frost makes patterns on windows 4.10 The Jetsons 4.35 Record Breakers 5.00 Newsround 5.10 Byker Grove. (Ceefax) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax). Northern ireland: Sportswide: 5.40 Inside Ulster

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8.00 News 8.15 Westminster 9.00 It Doesn't Have to Hurtl June
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9.10 Sportz Crazy. A final selection of

bizarre Australian sports (r) 9.50 Film: Love Me Tonight (1932, b/w).

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names but he was a stylish and

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not, perhaps, one of the big Hollywood

inventive director who was one of the first to master the possibilities of

sound cinema. Love Me Tonight, made

struggling to get to grips with the new

medium, is a characteristic example of his pictorial flair and ability to use sound and image in a creative way.

This is evident in the film's most famous

a Paris street, passengers on a train and

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the window of her castle. MacDonald

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this Ruritanian plot is only the peg for an outstanding Thirties musical 11.15 After Hours. An interview with

12.20 Chris Serie's Summer Season. The

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(Steeplechase Handicap) (2.20);

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11.35 The Invisible Man

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Sport on Friday. The line-up is (subject to alteration): Racing. From Chaltenham: BMW Series Final

sequence, in which the Rodgers and

Hart number "Isn't It Romantic?" is

successively picked up by people in

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Pater Sissons and Moira Stuart. Weather 6.30 Regional news megazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Wogan. Among Terry's guests are 12-year-old MacAulay Culkin, star of the film Home Alone, and the blues singer Bertice Reading 7.30 Only Fools and Horses . . . John Sullivan's marvellous low-life comedy reaches the last episode of its

welcome re-run. Del Boy's (David Jason) dreams of wealth and social stature are shartered once again (r). (Ceefax) 8.00 Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game. For the last time in the present series, Bruce and Rosemane Ford invite couples to make fools of themselves and win the conveyor-belt prizes.

(Ceatax) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis, Regional News and weether 9.30 Casualty: A Reasonable Man, in the test of the current series of the intense hospital drama, the staff of Holloy General discover a realous man is a dangerous man Stamng Derek

10.20 Omnibus: Benind the American CHOICE: An attempt to pin down the Madonna phenomenon is not helped by the subject, filmed at her request in black and white and mouthing showbusiness clichés about wanting to be famous because she wanted to be loved. But the lady is clearly a bit of a tease and may be pulling our legs. The best part of Nadia Haggar's film is a Madonna seminar at Harvard where an earnest tutor analyses the eroticism of her belly button. To which the

Foodbrokers Fisherman's Friend Steeplechase (2.55), and Coral Golden Hurdle (Oualitying Race) (3.30). Basketball. England lake on the current World Champions Yugoslava in

a European Championship match at the Albert Hall, Cricket, News from

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4.00 Catchword. Paul Cora hosts the

5.00 Downhill Struggle. Wheelchair-bound Alan Petrigrew goes to Switzerland with the Solent Ski Club

for his first experience of the sport (r) 5.30 Food and Drink Chris Kelly, Michael

to the new ranch hand. Then a

6.00 Film: Jubal (1956). When a kindly

Barry and Jill Goolden present the good

rancher (Ernest Borgnine) hires drifter Jubal (Glenn Ford), his young wife

(Valene French) finds herself attracted

jealous cowboy (Rod Steiger) puts it to

Borgnine that Ford has been doing a little rustling with French. Othello meets

the wild west in this moody and powerful drama. Directed by Delmer

Daves. Wales: A Way with Numbers; 6.25 España Viva; 6.50 A Vous La Francel; 7.15 Wales in Westminster

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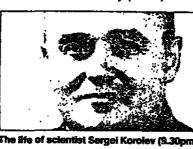
Madonne: feminist or exhibitionist? (10.20pm)

monochrome star replies, in effect, nuts. Madonna's voice drones out of a clutch of pop videos, while media pundits try to make sense of her. An angle surprisingly not explored is why a dark-haired Italian-American with a Catholic upbringing should turn herself into a WASP-ish blonda. But you can see why she has been claimed by the feminist movement. Sexually provocative she may be, but, as she says, "I'm in charge and I call the

11.25 Film: Blame It on Rio (1984). Weak sex-comedy in which middle-aged Matthew (Michael Caine) is seduced by his best friend's teenage daughter (Michelle Johnson) while on holiday in Rio de Janeiro. Her enraged father (Joseph Bologna) sets out with Matthew to kill his daughter's lover. Directed by Stanley Donen 1.00am Cricket: England v New Zealand. Richie Benaud presents highlights from the one-day international for the World Series Cup,

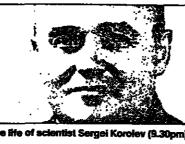
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The life of scientist Sergei Korolev (9.30pm)

The 1983 Mental Health Act is used each year to detain some 13,000 people against their will. In spite of of people who knew Korolev, including his wife, mistress and colleagues safeguards designed to protect these cetients, there are doubts about the alidity of some detentions 8.30 The Travel Show Guides: Southern California, Part One. The first of two programmes explores Los Angeles and San Diego. (Ceefax)



9.30 Hortzon Special: Red Star in Orbit. CHOICE: A three-part senes on the Soviet space programme opens by rehabilitating the man who more than any other was responsible for the remarkable senes of achievements from Sputnik to Laike the dog and Yuri Gagarin. During his lifetime, at the insistence of Krushchev, the identity of Sergei Korolev was concealed from the Soviet public and only after his death was his name revealed. More a personal story than the scientific atise which normally appears under the Horizon banner. David Dugan's film is a gripping reconstruction which follows Korolev from his early career as a rocket designer to hard tabour under Stalin and a brilliant post-war career when he helped a backward country to lead the world in the exploration of space. Thanks, presumably, to glasnost, Dugan has tracked down an impressive list

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10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . John Stapleton presents the travelling discussion show

10.40 This Morning, Magazine on family

matters, hosted by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley Lesley Ebbetts reports on the latest tashions and Andrew Collinge gives advice on hair care, includes features on intentity and woolcraft, including at 10.55 News headlines 11.55 Thames News and

12.05 Rainbow: Time. With Geoffrey Hayes and the gang 12.25 Home And Away 12.55 Thames

News and weather 1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Neather 1.20 A Problem Aired, Doctor John Cobb

talks to viewers with emotional problems (r) 1.50 A Country Practice Thames Action. Viv Taylor Gee and

Jacqui King investigate consumer issues affecting Londoners 2.50 Talkabout. Quiz show hosted by Andrew O'Connor 3.15 News headlines 3.20 Tharnes News headines 5 The Young Doctors

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in half 4.45 Knightmara. Fantasy
adventure game with Hugo Myatt
5.10 Home And Away (r)
5.40 News at 5.40 with Sue Carpenter.
Weather

5.55 The Day: Of the Vasectomy. One

man's expenence

their past by starting agein in Blackpool. Mike sets up an Italian restaurant with cousin Theresa (Sandy Hendrickse), and Eddie shows an

Peter Howitt and James Purefoy (9.00pm)

last in the senes of an enjoyable, if

Howitt and James Purefoy as the

London Baker Boys, escaping from

9.00 Coasting: Another Fine Mess. The

formulaic, orama staming Peter

6.00 6 O'Clock Live. The quirkier side of life in the South East, presented by

7.00 Family Fortunes. Two more families

8.00 Murder, She Wrote: Goodbye Charle. Thrifer wnier Jessica Fletcher

letest book at the same time. An

come forward to claim the body.

(Angela Lansbury) gets involved in

unidentified man is found dead on a

railway track and, when the story is

reported in the papers, three people

another murder and finds a pict for her

7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)

Dennis

Frank Bough, Jeni Barnett, Joanna

Sheldon and Danny Baker, Including LWT News and weather

compete in the quiz show hosted by Les

Luckhurst and Gary Imtach take time out to present news, interviews and action from the NFL

6.00 Happy Days: The Graduation, Part One. American comedy series about high-school life in the Fifties. Forizie (Henry Winkler) plans to graduate with his buddles, and has been studying

indulges in verbal jousting with Frank Marshall, the director of the new film, Arachnophobia, and the American comedienne Rita Rudner

7.50 First Reaction. Advertising executive Winston Fletcher asses the government's latest television drink driving campaign, which the IBA will not allow to be transmitted

Liverpool close, (Teletext) 8.30 Hard News. The abrasive media show reports on the Daily Mirror's recent health page story on insulin, and the

results of a survey by a firm of occupational psychologists on the different characteristics which belong to the readers of particular newspapers 9.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. The sparky levision newsroom comedy conf its speedy rerun with an episode first. shown on September 30. George (Jeff Rawle) ruminates over ethical problems and does his ulcer no favours. while Gus (Robert Duncan) reveals

attractive American journalist around the Pleasure Beach. But, in spite of the joility of the annual Laurel and Hardy Convention, there is a teeling of

menace in the air 10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and

Julia Somerville, Weather 10.35 LWT News and weather 10.40 The London Programme, Trevor Profups looks at how the recession is

affecting London and the South East 11.10 Jake and the Fatman: Wish You Were Here. A feature length episode of the American crime series starring William Conrad as the overweight District Attorney and Joe Penny as his skitckick Jake Jake's Hawaiian holiday turns into a nightmare when he is tramed for murger. Can Fatman McCabe, looking for a retirement

home in the sun, come to the rescue? 12.40am The World of Golf: Theiland. Dickie Davies visits some of Thailand's golf courses, including the Royal Bankgkok Golf Club, and David Leadbetter otters more tips on

improving your game
1.05 The James Whale Radio Show, The outspoken James Whale invites more live and chaotic conversation on controversial issues

2.05 CinemAttractions 2.35 Ten Prn Bowling, Coverage of the women's play in the 1990 Livingstone UK Open Championships from Livingstone in Scotland

3.35 The Incredible Hulk: Deathmask David Banner (Bill Bixby) is mistaken for a mass murderer. No doubt his after ego (Lou Ferngno) will come to the 4.30 Throb: Something Extra. American

comedy series about the Throb record

Ends at 6.00

5.00 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Art of Landscape. Music to accompany scenes of the natural world 6.20 Business Daily 6.30 The Channel Four Daily

9.25 Another Island. An insh documentary about the ruggedly beautiful Blasket Islands off the Kerry coast. Until their evacuation in 1953, the islands were a source of interest to scholars because the inhabitants maintained the Irish language as their everyday speech (r) 11.45 Two Snalls. Cartoon from Poland 12.00 The Parliament Programme.

Presented by Sue Cameron 12.30 Business Daily. Business and financial news service 1 00 Sesame Street

2.00 Pet World. Vet John Wilson examines the working life of a sheepdog, how hedgehogs are hand-reared, and the emotional bond between people and their pets 2.30 Film: When Ladles Meet (1941, b/w). Robert Z. Leonard's polished comedy of manners is a strongly

cast remake of the 1933 film of the same name. Robert Taylor arranges a meeting between Joan Crawford, the novelist he loves, and Greer Garson, the wife of publisher Herbert Marshall, whom Crawford loves 4.30 Fifteen-to-One. William G. Stewart fires the questions at another 15

contestants in the tough quiz show 5.00 Not on Sunday. Ronald Eyre presents the programme examining the ways in which religion affects people's lives. Children explore their personal spirituality in therapy classes led by a 13-year-old, trish priest, Father Pat Buckley, speaks out against the increasing conservatism of

the Roman Catholic church. And the Rev Geoff Mann dons his cassock and grabs his guitar to demonstrate the new rock of ages. Reporters Sue Jay and Theo Sowa 5.30 American Football: Red 42. Mick

at night school in secret 6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross, Ross

7.00 Channel 4 News. Weather

before 9pm 8.00 Brookside. Merseyside scap set in a

that his fundamentally repellent personality is more than just skin

deep (r)

his son at school to catch up on the education he missed. With Keith Gord 9.40 At the Pictures

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Eastwood returns for another Duty I
film Sent off on hotiday, he finds

surbathing's too boring and begins to Irail

Seymoer 4.00 Survival Rum (1977): A group of Californian teenegers find themselves nous trouble when their van breeks down in the Maxican desert

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9.30 Views of Kew: The Hub of a Great Green Wheel. This week s programme traces the contributions of botanist adventurers back to the sailing of The Bounty under Captain Bligh, when they travelled in search of new foods for a far-flung Empire. The world's vegetation is a source of fuel, fibre and medicines for the developing world. and a recent Kew study has found a niant-based chemical which may be ffective against the Aids virus. (Telefext) 10.00 The Golden Girls: An Illegitimate

Concern. Spry American sitcom about the tribulations of four middle-aged women. A mysterious young man arrives on the doorstep looking for Blanche's (Rue McClanahan) late husband. (Teletext)

10.30 This is David Harper: Born Again Yesterday. The last in the spoof comedy series with Tony Slattery as a tough investigative reporter. The Sincere Repentist Church demands not just faith and devotion from its followers but money, clothes, and even hair. David Harper sticks his nose n where it's not wanted 11.00 The Word. Presented by Amanda de

Cadanet and Terry Christian. Beautiful South perform their new single, and Jamaican reggae band Shabba Ranks perform live. Chris Quentin joins in the Coronation Street nostalose, and the Pet Shop Boys give a rare interview 12.00 Dancedaze. Dance, hip-hop and rap acts, live at Brixton Academy, London

1.00am Film: Teenage Monster (1958, b/w). The Killer Bs season continues with a discourse on motherly love starring Anne Gwynne as the mother of a teenage boy (Gilbert Perkins), who is fut by a meteor and is turned into a rampaging bloodthirsty monster.
Jacques Marquette directs. Ends 2.15

Video Show 6,00 Home And Away 6,25-7,00 Angla News 10,40 Cross Question 11,35 Pool 12,05am Afred Hitchcock Presents 12,35-1,05 Video View 2,05 Ten Pri Bowling 2,35 in the Heat of the Night 2,30 America's Top Ten 4,00-5,00 American College Enabel

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New Avengers 12.10em-1.05 Philip Markov
— Private Eye 2.05 Sledge Hammer 2.35
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HTV WALES

F-4 4.00-5.00 Night Best

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure 6.30 The Music Maker: len Carr examines the relationship

7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: Dr Alan Borg,

between Amencan trumpeter

which lasted from 1956 to 1960. They worked together with sexophonist Cannonbell Adderley and drummer Philly Joe Jones. Third of eight

Third Ear: Dr Alan Borg, director of London's Imperial War Museum, discusses the exhibition Chagall to Kitaj: Jewish Experience in 20th-century Art with Professor Awam Kampol of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, and artist Glenn Sujo

7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra 60th Anniversary Season: live from the Festival Hall, London, Lother Zagrosek conducts

Lothar Zagrosek conducts Schoenberg (Accompaniment to a Film Scene); Jonathan Harvey (Cello Concerto, world premiere: Frances-Marie Uffti, soloist): Busoni (Sarabande and Cortege, Two Studies for Doktor Faust); 8.25-8.45 Jon Sikin, 60 this month, reads his poetin, then Reatthouse.

poetry, then Beethoven

(Symphony No 7 in A)

9.40 The Courtier, The Prince and The Lady: A Knight's Tale CHOICE: Michelene

Wandor's new play, set in

and politics as four people, two of them former lovers.

converse in the prince's palace. Passions rise to

danger point but forma

music accompanies an

courtier.

10.20 Arranged by the Composer:
Barrok (Surte, Op 4b), Ravel
(Rapsodie espagnole); Richard
McMahon and Martin Jones,

pranos 11.10 A Celebrity: Norman Rodway

reads a third short story by Machado de Assas

Overture; A Song for the Lord Mayor's Table; All this Time; What Cheer. The Twelve;

11.30 Composers of the Week: Walton (Johannesburg Festival

1,00-3,10em Night School (FM only)

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Penaissance Italy, stirs a steamy cauldron of power, see

reasserts itself, the lovers part and life resumes. "An

excellent evening's sport," the prince declares. Authentic

elegant text spoken by Fiona Shaw and Philip Sully as the

lovers, John Rowe the prince and John Shrapnel the

4.55-5.00 Mr Magoo

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LIFESTYLE Via the Astra satellite.
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THE MOVIE CHANNEL Vis the Marcopolo satelite,
2.00pm The Captive Heart (1946 b/w);
Michael Redgrave and Jack Warner star in use better varaneurage prosperior-war drama Redgreve te especially impres-sive as a Czech officer who has adopted the identity of a dead English of-ficer Drected by Beat Deartien 3.55 The Ston Game (1932 b/w): This unusual example of an early Had

board-room executive 8.00 Punchline (1988): Tom Hanks plays a flunking medical student wh as a stand-up comedian by night, and Sally Field plays a pul-upon housewile who

has been assigned to protect 12.10am A Fish Called Wands (1988): i.c. iuami A risn Called Wende (1988): John Cleese, Kevin Kline and Michael Pastar in Ihs subenor corredy in which a London bernster, fired to defend a gent thei, who the affections of a gang-ster's moli

2.10 Planes, Trains and Automobiles (1987) Steve Martin and John Candy star in this effective cornedy about an adver-tising executive who retuctantly picks up a shower curtain ring selesman when his flight from New York to Chicago is diverted 3.50am Close

O Vis the Marcopolo satellite.
1.25pm Sportagesi 1.30 Recng Today 2.00 Boung 4.00 Tenne Match of the Year 5.00 Rocos 6.30 NFL The Week 7.00 Motor World 7.30 Sportagesk 6.00 The Man Event. NFL American Footbell 10.00 Sportagesk 10.30 This is the Sports Charnel 11.30 Recng Today 12.00 Sportagesk 12.30am NFL: American Footbell 2.30am Close

Via the Marcopolo satellite.
7.00am Twenty-one hours of music

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather and News Headines
7.00 Morning Concert: Schubert
(Symphony in B flat: RPO
under Sir Thomas Beecham 7.30em News 7.35 Morning Concert: (Continuing with the RPO): Sibelia:

(Symphonic poem, Tapiola); Faure (Pavane): Bizet (Symphony in C. French National Radio Orchestra) 8.30 News 8.35 Composers of the Week: Saint-Saens ("Africa" Samt Seas (Allice Fantaise, Op 89; Improvisation, Samson and Delilah; Sani-Saens (pianorol); Paris Concerto No 5 in F. Op 103: RPO under Previn with Jean-Phalippe Collard, sanc-Efuries for the left

prano; Etudes for the left hand, Op 135, Nos 1-4; Michel Beroff, pieno 9.35 Morning Sequence: Judy Kaye, soprano, William Sherp, baritone, and Steven Blier, piano, perform songs by Gershwin, interspersed with: Schubert (Quartet in A minor, D 804; Alban Berg Quartet); Beethoven (Prano Sonata in E flat, Op 31 No 3: Richard Goode); Stravinsky (Concerto in D: Guildhall String Ensemble): Schumann (Tocata, Op 7: François-René Duchéole, piano), Mozart (Gran Pantia, Serenacie in B flat, K. 361. Solorsts of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe)

12.00 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymuk performs Tcharkovsky (Rococo Vanations: Alexander Baillie ceto); Beethoven (Symphony 1.00pm News 1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester Lindsay String Quartet with Peter Frankl,

piano, perlorms Dvorak Romance from Quartet, Op 9, 2nd movement); Brahms (Piano Ountet, Op 34) 2.00 Opera News with James Naughte (r)
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bartone Gerard Souzay sings
Lully, Gournod, Fauré, Brahms,
Woll and Debussy,
acompamed by Delton
Baldwin 3.15-3.24 Souzay Naughte (r)

alks to John Amis about Poulenc, Pierre Bernac, operatic roles and his early a.55 Barin Oboe Quartet perform Mozert (Oboe Quartet in F. K. 370); Britten (Phantasy, Op 2); Colin Matthews (Oboe Quartet No 2), Dohnany: (Serenade in C for string trio.

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Film: The Winged Serpent 3.45 Grand Ole Opry Live 4.15 Comics, The Ninth Art 4.45-5.00 Jobfinder

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(s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shapping Forecast 6.00 News Brieffing, Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Dey (s) 6.30 Today with John Humphrys and Sue MecGregor; incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55, 8.57 Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley with sculptor Eduardo Paolozzi (s) 9.45 Lawley Surviva (s)

10.00 News: Special Assignment 10.30 Morning Story: The Least of These by lan MacDonald

10.45 Daily Service (s) 11.00 News; Friday Lives (s) 12.00 News; You and Yours

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Paolozzi (s)

9.45 Let it be Sardiniat (new series):
Four talks in whath Devid
Been traverses the Island in
the footsteps of
D.H. Lawrence the atheist who wrote the etto for Handel's M 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

12.25pm The Food Programme:Shella Dillon discovers that some of the UK's finest food is Welsh (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One presented by Nick Clarke 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Today's programme from Birmingham begins with a discussion on the enormous increase of baby books on the market: a Christmes feature on carving the Sunday joint; a feeture on women snooker players, with Karen Corr, the ladies champion; and ends with an interview with Fay Goodman,

expert on small businesses. 3.00 News; Classic Serial: The Forsyte Chronicles. A 23-part Galaworthy's classic novels narrated by Dirk Bogarde. Part 10: Passions run high when Fleur, now married to Machael. meets poet Willred Desert (s) (r) 4.00 News 4.05 Tea Junction: Patrick Hennan

hosts a fast-moving chat show with three guests 4.30 Kaleidoscope: Today's programme includes a feature on a new book, Cassical Architecture, about architect Robert Adam; a review of Possible Worlds, an exhibition of European sculpture at the Serpentine Gallery, London;

an interview with musician and composer Bran Eno; and a feature on Charles Jennons,



Dirk Bogarde narrates (3.00pm)

5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report 6.30 Going Places: The travel and

transport magazine 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Pick of the Week with Margaret Howard (s) 8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Norwich

by guests including Dr Marjone Mowlam MP, Lebour Spokeswoman on Trade and Industry; A.N. Wilson, novelist; and Sir Brian Wolfson, charman of Wembley plc 8.50 Law in Action: Marcel Berlins' weekly analysis of developments in the law. The last programme in the present

9.15 Kaleidoscopa: The evening édition offers a half-hour interview with American architect Cesar Pelli who is Wharf project in the London Docklands This will be followed by a discussion on architecture with Barry Lewis Jonathan Glancey and Neel Morres (s) 9.45 Letter from America by Alisteir Cooke 9.59 Weather

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11.00 Week Ending: satirical review
of the week's news (s) 11.25 The Financial Week (s) 11.45 Today in Parliament 12.00-12.30am News, incl. 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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SATELLITE

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SKY NEWS Via the Astra and Marcopolo

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SKY MOVIES

 Via the Astra sensities.
 8.00em Showcasa
 10.00 The Swarm (1978) Brazilian killer bees buzz kno Texas. Starring Michael Came and Richard Chembertein 12.00 Angel and the Badman (1947): John Wayne as an injured gunslinger w forced to seek refuge in the home of a

2.00pm Hooses Are for the Hisch, Part Two (1987). Liss Hertmen plays a widow out to take revenge on a nutrilest coal beron site believes was responsible for in Husbard's death 4.00 Tinitin: The Shooting Star: Ani-mated adventures with Herge's popular hero
5.00 Rudolph's Shimy New Year;
Happy, the New Year baby, is missing, so
Rudolph decides to track him down
6.00 A Christmes Story (1963): Com-

Christmas
7.40 Ensertainment Tonight
8.00 Back To School (1996) Rodney

PADIO 1 Smon Mayo 9.00 Smon Bases 12.30pm News Death 12.45 Gary Devise from Clothea Snow Live, NEC, Birmingham 3.00 Steve Winght in the Afternoon 5.30 News 90 6.00 Round Table 7.30 Jeff Young's Big Bast 10.00 The Fridey Rock Show 12.00 The Mary Winsehouse Expenence 12.30-2.00em Andy Peables Soul Train.

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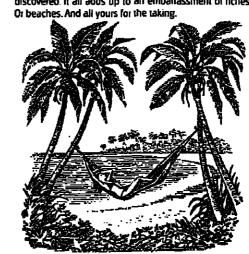
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are virtually unknown to Europeans. Others, like Goa, Kovalam, Covelong and Mahabalipuram, have international reputations And a few, such as those of the Andamans, two hours flying time east of Calcutta or Madras, have really yet to be discovered. It all adds up to an embanassment of riches.

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SHOPS are playing a cat and mouse game about their plans to open on Sundays in the run-up to Christmas. Many customers will find their local stores open this Sunday in spite of their head offices officially stating that they will remain closed.

Sunday trading presents shops with a dilemma. They do not want to be seen to be breaking the law, but the fines can be so small set against a day's turnover that, for many, it is an option that cannot be ignored, particularly with this year's sharp downturn in sales. Retailers' difficulties in the

current economic downturn were underlined yesterday by new figures from the CBI showing that retail sales came to a virtual standstill last month, and employment in retailing — previously a growth sector for jobs — showed its first fall.

The results of the monthly Confederation of British Industry/Financial Times distributive trades survey confirm the dramatic slump which has hit the retailing sector as a result of the squeeze on demand enforced by the government's high interest rate policy and the consequent decline in consumer spending. Nigel Whittaker, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades panel, said sales growth in retailing was at its lowest since the survey began more than seven years ago.

In the High Street, many big shops were cagey yesterday about their plans. The head office of Woolworths refused to say



Early rush: Christmas shoppers inching their way through the Oxford Street pedestrian lanes yesterday

whether they would open this Sunday. But a number of their shop managers told The Times they would certainly be open for business for the three Sundays before Christmas.

Simon De Mille, marketing director of the Ratners Group, said his staff would man the shops on Sundays to arrange the jewellery for the forthcoming week. If customers happened to pass by then they might be able to make a purchase.

David Blackmore, operations director of the Keep Sunday Special group, said he sympathised with the dilemma shops faced in the deep recession. "But we cannot condone illegal action which is unfair to law abiding stores and staff who need their Sundays free to prepare for Christmas."He has helped to organise a meeting in London today of the local authorities' Sunday trading enforcement committee. This will consider taking personal

prosecutions against the directors A spokeswoman for a large chain store said while some coun-

cils turned a blind eye to Sunday is fine." trading others, such as Stoke and Norwich, were vigorous in their opposition. That meant her company was keeping quiet and the tion to open would depend on the local councils.

Sir Terence Conran, who led the Open Shop campaign to reform the Sunday trading laws, was one of the few to admit that his store in Chelsea would be opening on Sunday. He said "It might be illegal but nobody is forcing customers to shop on Sunday and if my staff don't want to work that

He accused the anti-Sunday trading lobby of double standards as some bishops let their cathedral shops remain open on Sundays. His shop would open for the convenience of customers and not because of the recession as business was up by 20 per cent on last

The issue is just one ploy shops have been forced to adopt in an unprecedented drive to cope with the effects of the recession.

Sales standstill, page 25

STEPHEN MARKESON

Saddam agrees hostages can return home for Christmas

Clichés fit to bowl a maiden over

Political sketch

"THAT'S the way, dear."
Thus, yesterday, did a Tory backbencher (I will not name him, being only 99 per cent sure of his identity) hail Mrs Gillian Shephard's first dispatch box

reply as a treasury minister.
"May I say how delightful it is to see her - there because of her ability and not her gender," was what Derek Conway (C, Shrewsbury & Atcham) supposed a less condescending

Nobody has yet said that she is an ornament to her office, as pretty as she is clever, a doughty little woman or a very capable lady. But they will. Beneath Mrs Shephard's

habitual courtesy, a flash of disdain was almost visible. "I'm not sure whether to thank my hon friend," she said, as mildly as she could.

What idiots we men must look, to women! Why do they so seldom tell us so? Politicians, particularly male ones, seem to inhabit a stale, comfortable, world of stale, comfortable, attitudes, unrefreshed since the nursery by exposure to new thoughts; untroubled by any questioning of old ones; un-touched by intellectual curiosity; and as blind to the world around them and the figure they cut in it as men in brown paper bags. It is wrong to see them as self-regarding or unkind, for they are unwitting and moved only by habit. They mean well, so far as they are capable of meaning anything, which mostly they are not.

As proof of the walking cliches our politicians become, take a look at the way in which verbal cliches spread, upon the slightest contagion, like whooping-cough through their prose. When the word "massive" staged a minor comeback in popular journalism some years ago, parliamentary discourse soon contained no cut, no increase, no change of any sort, which was not "massive".

Within days of "hidden agendas" appeared in the columns of Sunday newspapers, hidden agendas surfaced on every page of Hansard. Just at present, there are no opportunities at all in political and economic life, only "windows of opportunity."

trade and industry minister contained more "playing fields" - level, sloping, flat and bumpy - than Hackney Marshes.

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MPs do not even know that they are using metaphors, images or figures of speech. They think these are just the ordinary words for things, and employ them with casual disregard. They no longer remember, if they ever did, why dervishes whirl, avenues are explored, stones are left unturned or a week is a long time in politics. So when Michael Lord (C, Suffolk Central), who was asking the prime minister to give

more money to haemophil with the Aids virus, invited Mr Major to "earn the undying gratitude" of the victims, there was no irony, conscious or unconscious, and certainly no black humour intended. It is just that, at Westminster, gratitude" would no more be found unaccompanied by "undying," than you would be grateful" without being "eternally" so - or would "monetarism" be anything but "rigid". Nobody laughed, thank God.

I digress from Mrs Shephard. She and David Mellor (the new Chief Secretary), join John Ma-ples and Francis Maude on the treasury bench.

Maples is smooth and Maude dry: you might call them the oil and vinegar of the treasury team. Mrs Shephard now adds a touch of pepper. As for David Mellor, he made a very flashy debut at treasury questions yesterday and looks set to become the Kraft Thousand Island Dressing of the combo. 'But that's okay," he said, after correcting Gerry Steinberg (Lab, Durham): "just showing I was listening".

All are just garnishes to main course: Norman Lamont, the new chancellor. Yesterday he was brisk, brusque and crisp. He made no comment on a thought from Tony Favell (C, Stockport), that monetary union could only be achieved by the "simultaneous erections" of economic government. Nobody laughed, thank God.

MATTHEW PARRIS

Winter takes a grip with worse to come this week By RAY CLANCY

THREE people died in motorway crashes and hundreds of air passengers were delayed as flights were diverted from fog-bound airports when some of the worst weather of the winter hit parts of

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Britain yesterday.

As the freezing fog, thought to be the worst so far this year, cleared, weathermen issued a warning that storm force winds would sweep across from the Arctic Ocean today bringing bitterly cold weather, including severe gales and blizzards over high ground, in the evening.

Nine people were injured and one man died in a crash in thick fog on the M6 near Wigan, Greater Manchester, late on Wedensday night. A few hours later, in the early hours of yesterday, another two people died in a crash on the same motorway near Lancaster, but police said the accident was not caused by the fog.

On other roads, visiblity was down to less than 50 metres in some places and AA Roadwatch described the conditions as the The Duke of Edinburgh was one of many airline passengers delayed by freezing fog at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports. He was 15 minutes late for a meeting with Ronald Reagan, the former president of the United States, at Buckingham Palace because his flight from Australia to Heathrow was diverted to Luton.

Visibility on the main runway at Heathrow was reduced to less than 200 metres, and 11 long-haul flights were diverted to other destinations including Glasgow Frankfurt, Manchester and Amsterdam. A number of internal flights by

aircraft not fitted with fully automatic landing systems were cancelled. At Gatwick, five incoming flights were diverted to Man-

Stansted a flight from Dijon in France was diverted to Luton. The fog defied expectations and did not return as darkness fell last night. Driving conditions for

motorists returning home were

normal, AA Roadwatch said, and

London got away on time.

invasion levels in volatile trading. In London, January Brent touched a low of \$25.45 before recovering to \$26.55. New York opened \$1.24 down at \$26.05 and slipped to \$25.25 but rallied to \$26. Petrol prices are expected to fall by 5p a

one stage rose more than 35 points and closed at 2,177.5, nearly 25 points up.

John Major said he very much
welcomed President Saddam's announcement. "It will be wonderful news for the hostages themselves and their families who have endured so much," he said. "It is something we have always pressed for from the beginning

gallon. The FT-SE 100 index, at

and this would implement just Council resolutions. Saddam Hussein still has to withdraw totally and unconditionally from Kuwait and the legitimate government must be restored." Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, echoed those sentiments in the Commons. We will do everything in our power to help those concerned to get home as soon as practicable." Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, said: "We share in the rejoicing of the families of the hostages." It was Iraq's first positive response to the UN demands and raised the possibility of talks between the US and Iraq

Sources in Whitehall said that depending on the facilities provided by the Iraqi authorities, all the captives could be evacuated on four jumbo jets by Christmas. British Airways and Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic airline both had aircraft standing by to bring people home. Andy Charles, of the Gulf Support Group, pointed out, however, that "severe would take some time to get hostages out, even if they were freed immediately. "It's going to take a long time to fly people out and it's going to take a long time to persuade people in hiding that it is safe to come out," he said. "We are cautiously optimistic and cau-tiously delighted, but we've had a

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7C (46F); min 6 pm to 8 am, 2C (38F). Numidity: 6 pm, 78 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nl. Surc 24 hr to 6 pm, 4.4 hr. Ber, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,026.7 millioner. Tellers

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the past which have not borne fruit." Linda Grant, whose husband is a member of a trapped British Airways crew, was ecstatic. "I have been in tears all morning. I just hope it is true. If Saddam Hussein was here at this minute. I would kiss him."

Farm deal unlocks door to Gatt accord

Continued from page 1

compromise on farming. Ray MacSharry, the agriculture commissioner, said he was ready to go beyond what Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and President Mitterrand of France had urged at their meeting in Paris on Wednesday.

Rattled by the prospect of failure being laid at their door, the ministers decided that they could no longer tie EC negotiators' hands so tightly. No figures for new EC cuts in

export subsidies have yet been agreed. Mr Helstrom last night produced a compromise which he

said went beyond the EC's offer but still fell short of American demands for 90 per cent

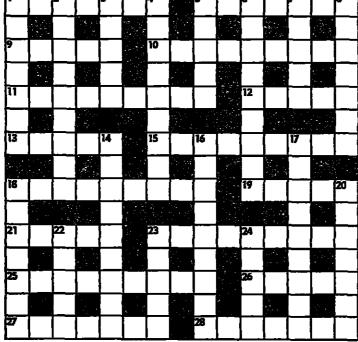
European farmers, already up in arms over the Commission's proposed 30 per cent cut in overall support, could be devastated by any deal that exposes them to even fiercer competition at home and abroad.

Within minutes of the breakthrough in the late afternoon, the tension lifted. "The US is being more realistic about the way forward," said Mr Gummer. Frans Andriessen, the EC foreign trade commissioner and chief negotiator, was said to be in an excellent mood. "It's going exactly the way we would like it to be going," his spokesman said.

America made a key concession in opening up the £400 billion global market in services, agreeing to give all nations equal access to its huge market if others did the same, and keeping to a minimum the number of protected sectors such as public transport.

The fate of the Uruguay round still hung in the balance last night. But as the chief Gatt spokesman said: "The message is clear. Things are beginning to move. Ministers want to negotiate."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,471



1 Bloomers avoid? (4,3).

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6 Relative's dreadful rage over in-Seeing that bird in a tree (5). Discipline after taking of French leave at Waterloo? (7). 14 Switching to inside right to cause confusion (9).

16 Woodcutter managing to get noticed (6-3). Fool making sign to tram - bus heads off (9). 18 Cancelled one church's religious ceremonies (7).

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way (7). 22 Lesser fowl no longer about (5). 23 Leader of team, a physicist without equal (5). 24 The size of an egg (5).

WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard SAINTS ALIVE

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 b. The patron of cripples
 c. The saint of fair-groun

MACHAR a. The bishop of Aberdeen
b. A Cappadocian heretic
c. The Celtic nimbus

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a. Archbishop of Canterbury l. A saint's crozie c. The converter of Iceland

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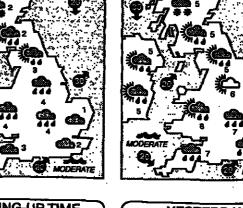
Southern England will WEATHER have a bright, frosty start with cloud and rain spreading to southeastern parts from Wales and the rest of England. Clearer, showery weather will spread from Scotland and Northern Ireland later. The showers will turn to snow in parts of Scotland. It will be cold and windy everywhere. Outlook: Cold with sunshine, showers and some snow, especially in the north. ABROAD

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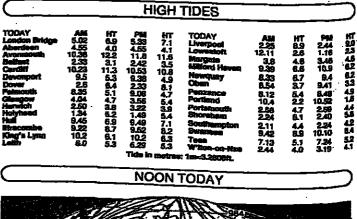
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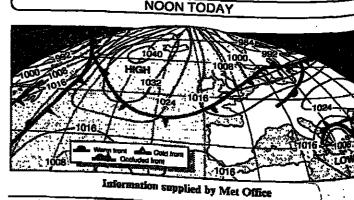
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BUSINESS

Executive Editor David Brewerton

FRIDAY DECEMBER 7 1990

Iraqi promise cuts price of oil to \$26

HOPES that the Gulf London, said: "The immedimenths should start to reflect tension might be resolved ate reaction was to sell the the fundamentals if there is without a war sent oil market sharply. Traders are going to be no war. prices tumbling to the getting very excited about the levels of August, when prospect of peace." Iraq invaded Kuwait.

A promise by President Saddam Hussein to release all western hostages pushed oil below \$26 a barrel in volatile trading. In London, January Brent touched a low of \$25.45 before recovering to \$26.55. New York opened \$1.24 down at \$26.05 and slipped to \$25.25 but rallied to \$26.

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Prices have declined 21 per

cent in the last five working

days, weakened by peace

hopes, a substantial increase

in Opec production and falling

energy demand from indus-

Growing hopes that a peace-ful solution to the conflict can

be achieved saw the FT-SE

100 index come within ten

points of the 2,200 level,

before closing below its best as share prices in New York

failed to hold on to early gains.

The index ended 24.9 points higher at 2,177.5. The prospect of a sharp drop in oil revenues left shares

in the leading oil companies lower. BP fell 9p to 330p,

Enterprise Oil, 20p to 614p and Lasmo 18p to 395p. Government securities finished the session sporting

gains of almost £1 at the

longer end. Falling oil prices are expected to result in lower

fuel costs and should help

reduce the rate of inflation.

They may also speed up a cut

Turnover in the equity mar-

ket rose to 559 million shares,

inflated by a large number of bed and breakfast deals de-

signed to establish a tax loss.

But dealers complained of

little real follow through from

the institutions, which seem to

be concentrating on next week's electricity flotation.

Opec is due to meet in

Vienna on December 12,

when members are expected

to discuss how production will

be curtailed to accommodate

Iraq and Kuwait once the embargo is lifted. Analysts

believe many producers, in-

resist substantial reductions of

their oficial quotas, resulting in an oil glut just as the West

will be seeking to reduce its

ing, but by funchtime the

steam had run out of both

markets. A drop of more than

\$2 from the oil price was more

Group profits at £1.26 bil-

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September were 21 per cent

ahead though at the lower end

of City expectations. Fully

resources. We shall un-dividend was 7.4p as forecast, Sir Gordon White, chair-

doubtedly find an increasing making a total payment for man of Hanson Industries,

unusually high stocks.

In New York.

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The sudden fall left prices just \$5 above the levels before Iraq invaded Kuwait on August 2. Product prices have also fallen sharply and a fresh round of petrol price cuts is

expected. Some analysts believe prices have almost shed the crisis premium. An American trader preparing for the New York futures market opening said: "The war premium is with GNI Commodities in disappearing. The back

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Expectations for November

reported sales, which showed

Retailers reported poor

only mail order companies

showing sales up on a year

ago. Retailers expect their

months, with a balance of -9

per cent not only the first fall

The survey also shows that

months ahead. Part-time jobs

Motor trading shows its

biggest fall in jobs for six

years, at a balance of -31 per

cent. Stocks held by motor

traders are at their highest.

halance of -7 per cent is better

than -33 per cent for October.

a worsening of their business

position in the first fall in

expected capital expenditure

is also the lowest on record.

tough, but not terminal".

CITY EDITOR

HANSON, the Anglo-Ameri-

can industrial conglomerate,

reported a 27th successive

year of increased profits, divi-

dends and earnings per share

and gave notice that further

"We continue to be expan-

From Robert Cockburn

IN SYDNEY

ALAN Bond, the fallen icon of Austra-

lian success, is being revised out of

political and business archives with the

kind of haste that would make Stalin

blush. For weeks, those in the know have

been supping cold beers, many brewed

by one of Mr Bond's old companies, and

taking bets on the fate of the last tycoon

Perth on a fraud charge in an enquiry

that is rocking public life in Western

Australia and netting some of the most

famous names of the brash Aussie

Eighties. For most Australians, Bond's

demise outside Perth police station

marked the formal end to the decade. A

parking space was reserved for his

Mercedes in a reverential process known

as "arrest by appointment" for the

procession of millionaires facing trial.

But, once inside, the man who made

Australia proud when he won the

Mr Bond was arrested yesterday in

in Australia's corporate dream.

that is deepening every day." | against the pound to \$1.9403.

and gave notice that further substantial acquisitions are on the gray

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ability mean that we have the per cent loan stock. The final £3 billion.

Distributors are forecasting

23 per cent in August.

same as in November.

'Virtual standstill in retail sales'

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

RETAIL sales came to a sales in December, with the virtual standstill last month, balance of the volume of sales and employment in retailing previously a growth sector showed its first-ever fall.

expectations of falling and rising sales — projected at 21 per cent for December, the But retail leaders said that sales in the Christmas period had now started, and reported some confidence about the proved to be out of line with outlook for Christmas trade. The monthly Confederation a balance of 1 per cent - the

of British Industry/Financial Times distributive trades survey confirms the dramatic sales for the time of year with slump that has hit retailing because of the squeeze on demand enforced by the government's high interest rate overall business position to policy and the consequent fall deteriorate over the next three

in consumer spending.
Nigel Whittaker, chairman of the CBI's distributive in confidence for a year, but trades panel, admitted that also the lowest on record. sales growth in retailing was now at its lowest since the employment in retailing is survey began more than seven now declining. The balance of years ago, but based on anec--4 per cent on reported dotal reports at the panel employment is the first negmeeting he said: "Christmas ative figure on record, and has now started," and it was fewer jobs are expected in the

'on track so far". However, the survey shows alid steeply to 3 per cent plunged and Wall Street only a flat expectation about November from a balance of soared in heavy market trad-

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GrandMet laughs all the way to £919m



Recession? what recession?: Sir Allen Sheppard, right, jokes with David Nash, finance director, before the GrandMet meeting yesterday

GRAND Metropolitan, the food, drinks and retailing combine, braved increasingly difficult trading conditions as the recession bit to raise its pre-tax profits by £187 million, or almost 26 per cent, to £919 million in the year to end-September, writes

Martin Waller. Sir Allen Sheppard, the chairman, pledged further earnings growth in the current year despite hard times ahead. "It's raining pretty hard out there. There's a recession going on, but so far it's not showing in our businesses," he

A final dividend of 12.8p makes a total of 20.4p, up from 17.75p. Earnings per share rose from 55.6p to

Earnings growth this year would be held back by economic conditions, the effect of the continuing high dollar, fewer property disposals and an increased tax charge, he said. Although the company hedges by having all its borrowings in dollars, every five cents rise in the pound's value takes £10 million off profits.

Trading profits went over the £1 billion mark for the first time to £1,082 million against £967 million. Property profits were little changed but interest charges slipped from £280 million to £239 million. Interest cover

on GrandMet's debt, once of great concern to the City, therefore rose from 3.6 times to 4.8 times.

GrandMet, which reckons about 10 per cent of its shares are held overseas, plans an American listing in March. The group is going through a period of consolidation, said Sir Allen, but it still has two pieces of unfinished business. One is the public houses-forbreweries swap with Courage, which was finally cleared by Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, last month.

Negotiations are now being completed with Courage, which is owned by Elders IXL, the debt-laden Australian conglomerate, and there is a

target date for completion during February.

GrandMet is also locked in dispute with Brent Walker Group, chaired by the embattled George Walker, over the latter's purchase of the William Hill betting shop chain last year. GrandMet is swing for £50 million it says it is still owed and the case should be heard at the end of January.

"To use a technical accounting term, the submission they have made to us is plain wrong," said Sir Allen, "I described it to George Walker in slightly more colourful language."

Lloyd's backs new reinsurance arm

leaving the insurance market, has given the go-ahead to the urgent formation of a new reinsurance arm to tackle the problem of open years. The innovation will allow

number of acquisition the year of 10.4p, a rise of 22 said the refusal to use junk opportunities," said Lord per cent. bonds to justify inflated prices

leaving the group with no net

despite a substantial increase arm raised profit 18 per cent sales of £4.1 billion against

than halved by noon, when West Texas Crude for delivery names, members whose personal wealth backs underwrit-While wholesalers' sales remained below 1989 levels, the cents at \$26.30. It has fallen ing syndicates, to buy individual reinsurance for more than 20 per cent since their part of a syndicate's liabilities if a managing agent Oil traders reported near is unable to accept premiums panic conditions. But the oil quoted for the whole synfutures market did not have to confidence for a year. The implement contingency plans balance of -29 per cent for to halt trading if chaos threatabove a syndicate's reserves,

ened the market. cant" cash calls. Oil shares such as BP, The decision by the mar-Mr Whittaker said the sur- Chevron and Texaco gave up vey showed things were as much as a \$1 and could have further to fall. Most Doug Henderson, Labour's analysts forecast the price of trade and industry spokes crude to stabilise in the low to man, said the survey showed middle \$20s. At its peak, oil clearly there was "more than a hit \$41 a barrel. Meanwhile, biggest single insurance group more exposure. shallow dip in the economic the dollar remained nervous, cycle - there is a recession falling almost 11/2 cents

Hanson signals further expansion

sion minded. Our large cash in the equity base following to £416 million (£352 million) £3.6 billion despite Hanson's

De-Bonding Australia's fallen idol

two-hour grilling by detectives. Austra-

lians, paying the price for corporate

Angry shareholders of Mr Bond's

former subsidiary, Bell Resources, yes-

terday voted to change the group's name

to Australian Consolidated Investments.

Geoff Hill, chairman, said it was part of

the group's "de-Bonding". Others are

Once fêted as an Australian hero by his

"good mates", Bob Hawke, the Labour

prime minister, and Paul Keating, the

treasurer, the official line on Mr Bond

and other corporate failures, such as

Christopher Scase and John Elliott, is

one of disapproval. With the country

gripped by recession, Mr Hawke and

Labour are trying to forget the black-tie

parties where they were photographed rubbing shoulders with the rich. But the

Mr Bond was charged under the

securities code over the collapse of the Rothwells merchant bank and was

nation's picture editors have not

finding it difficult to "de-Bond".

overspending, have little sympathy.

Open years arise because insurance syndicates, which are formed for one year at a time, cannot close their accounts for a given year if the billion, but the reinsurance level of pay-outs is uncertain. American court judgments

in asbestos and pollutionrelated cases have left the groups of names facing huge losses over claims current and future, making it difficult, sometimes impossible, to find successor syndicates. Names have quit the market

dicate. If premiums are set in large numbers, but the system has not allowed them members could face "signifi- to safeguard against the liabilities of open years. About 2,000 more names

ket's ruling council to set up are expected to leave this year, the new company coincides after 2,300 last year. But with the election of David Lloyd's still has 26,500 active Coleridge as chairman. Sturge members, and about 7,000 Holdings, his company, is the have indicated that they want Alan Lord, Lloyd's chief

Trading profit in Britain

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construction sectors.

(£40,000). He appears in court again

today. The charges relate to alleged

attempts to rescue the bank in 1987. Mr

Bond is accused of giving the bank

\$Aus 17.5 million to woo other rescuers.

He is charged with taking a fee of

\$Aus 16 million and inducing Brian

Coffin, a businessman, to invest \$Aus 6

million in a group that was technically

The Rothwells scandal runs deeper.

The rescue movement included the

Labour administration in Western

Australia, which having lost a fortune in

corporate investments was dubbed WA

Inc. Carmen Lawrence, the state pre-

mier, has announced a royal commission

to investigate WA Inc dealings. In an

imperious editorial in the Sydney Morn-

ing Herald, Brian Burke, the former state

premier who conceived WA Inc and is

now ambassador to Ireland and the Holy

See, demanded that the federal govern-

ment recall him, prompting the paper to

say the credibility of Australia's ambas-

dead. Mr Bond denied the charge.

As the first chairman from a executive, said the reinsurquoted company, he is ex- ance company was "not a

After financing the £653 for acquisitions had proved

million purchase of Peabody, sound. Even in difficult eco-

the largest American coal nomic circumstances, 20 Han-

producer, cash balances at the son Industries subsidiaries

borrowings. Hanson In- was a record £579 million, 19

dustries, the group's American per cent up on last time, on

on sales £300 million higher at exposure to the building and

year end were £6.9 billion, reported record profits.

to syndicates "with no homes to go to". This covers about two-thirds of the open years. The company, yet to be named, will offer run-off reinsurance at "realistic, com-

49 per cent of members.

He said the liabilities in-

volved would be less than £1

company would give priority

mercial" premiums. It still requires formal approval from the trade depart- company's first chairman.

open years was 92, involving The company's initial capital will be backed with a bond issued by the Lloyd's society. The Lloyd's authorities

have earlier agreed to increase the central fund, which will back the new company, to £1 billion by the mid-Nineties from the present £420 million. Robin Jackson, a director a

Merrett Holdings, winner of a controversial dispute over the repudiation of a reinsurance contract, will be the new

YJ Lovell profit falls by 32%

By Colin Narbrough

pected to apply a tougher, quick fix, a soft option, or ment and is not expected to more commercial approach to reversing the market's decline.

pected to apply a tougher, quick fix, a soft option, or ment and is not expected to start quoting premiums until the end of 1989 the number of the third quarter of next year.

Y J LOVELL, the property and construction group that the end of 1989 the number of the third quarter of next year. lion for Higgs & Hill this year, has reported pre-tax profits down 32 per cent to £19.9 million.

> An unchanged final dividend of 6.75p makes 8.95p (8.75p). This required £2.2 million from reserves, after losses, which were largely linked to the company's withdrawal from urban regeneration, reduced attributable profits to £3 million.

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NCR ready to fight \$6.4bn bid from AT&T

NCR Corporation, America's fifth largest computer maker, is drawing up plans to fight a \$90 a share hostile takeover bid from American Telephone & Telegraph, the telecom-

From PHILIP ROBINSON

munications group.

NCR has dismissed the offer as grossly inadequate, but says it will negotiate at \$125 a share, a price which AT&T describes as "outrageous and totally unjustified".

Under the terms of the current cash bid, AT&T could pay up to \$6.4 billion for NCR, the world leader in electronic cash machines for banks and supermarkets. At

Pilkington |

slides

to £103m

By Graham Searjeant

FINANCIAL EDITOR

DISASTROUS market condi-

tions in South America and

Australasia pulled Pilking-

ton's pre-tax profits down 30 per cent to £103 million in the

six months to September, although combined profits from German, American and Brit-

ish flat and safety glass opera-

tions dipped only modestly.

tained its interim dividend at

2.93p per share, however, and |

Sir Antony Pilkington, the

chairman, made it clear he

intends to maintain the final

dividend even if it has to be

paid from reserves. "We have

never reduced the dividend,"

Pilkington made small

losses at its British insulation

business, which, like glass,

depends heavily on the hous-

Talks are still be beld with

several European groups to

put the Barr & Stroud military

optics business, which is suffering from a hiatus in

demand due to European

disarmament, into a joint

venture. Sir Antony said

Pilkington was not looking for

an outright sale. Losses there

were trimmed to £1.8 million.

also being made of the inter-

national spectacle and contact

lens division. The American

contact lens business has been

SMITH & Nephew,

pre-tax profit levels.

has been a slackening in

S&N's pre-tax profit for the

nine months to October 6 fell

Sales rose 5 per cent to

fects of exchange rates and

business disposals, the under-

lying growth in sales was 8 per

Earnings per share were

unchanged at 6.8p. The in-

million in the nine months.

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A fundamental review is

The glass group has main-

NCR, founded in Liverpool in 1885, employs 1,300 people at its factory at Kingsway West in Dundee, Tayside, and is building more engineering and manufacturing plants at Dunfermline in Fife. The group employs 3,500 staff through-

ut Europe. Wall Street analysts say that if NCR is to mount a serious defence, it has only three main options: to find an alternative merger partner, raise the cash to take NCR private or make a special large dividend payment to shareholders.

NCR has lowered the point at which its poison pill defence would be triggered from 20 per cent to 15.

GUS pushes

ahead to

£177.8m

as sales slip

GREAT Universal Stores, the billion to £1.18 billion. There

financial services group that £11.3 million from the sale of

mail order, property and

owns Burberry, says that while

trading conditions continue to

be tough, the group's strong

balance sheet, cash mountain

and property assets will sup-

port it through the worst of the

The group, whose chairman

is Lord Wolfson of Maryle-

bone, made pre-tax profits of

£177.8 million (£166.2 mil-

the six months to end-Septem-

ber. Sales fell from £1.26

ing market, and is lobbying for lion), after stripping out £4.3

energy conservation grants to million of property profits, in

Demand slows for

Smith & Nephew

By OUR CITY STAFF

pharmaceuticals group that from the examination glove

demand from British retailers the second half of the year has

for the group's toiletries prod- been more difficult than

ucts, which has led to a fall in anticipated. Government

3 per cent to £97.1 million. S&N's sales in the third

£554,000. Excluding the ef- export sales to the Middle East

terest charge fell 53 per cent to for damages of \$96 million,

£3.2 million and gearing is awarded against the group by

now 33 per cent. There is an a Californian court, but it is

extraordinary charge of £11.4 appealing against the award.

makes Elastoplast, says there market in America.

the due to the cost of withdrawing

The group says trading in

pressure on healthcare expen-

diture led to reduced spending

by hospitals, which affected

quarter, and £2 million of

were lost due to the Gulf

instability. On a brighter note,

worldwide sales of Elastoplast

showed strong growth.

and orthopsedic products

S&N has made no provision

The shares fell 5p to 100½p. the future."

was an extraordinary profit of

investments, while earnings rose from 44.6p a share to

48.2p. The interim dividend

The results were better than

expected, leaving the ordinary

shares 7p ahead at £13.55 and the A shares 18p to the good at

GUS said that while trading

conditions have been difficult

throughout the year, home

shopping sales have remained level. This translated into

home shopping profits after tax of £50.3 million (£46.3

Consumer and corporate

finance suffered because of

high interest rates and a

downturn in car sales and

house purchases, both of

which led to low demand.

However, profits rose from

£36.2 million to £40.1 million,

boosted by an increase in

income from the cash moun-

tain, which stood at £443

million at the end of the last

The retail products di-

vision, which includes Bur-

berry, saw profits fall from

E12.76 million to £11.1 million as the impact of tensions

in the Middle East and a

slowdown in tourism affected

Property rentals rose from

£16.8 million to £17.9 million.

Less than 15 per cent of

GUS's profits come from

currency movements wiped

The contribution from

North America halved to £2

million, partly because of the

closure of some of the group's

Richard Pugh, deputy chair-

man of the group, said trading

in the current half was more

difficult than in the first half.

He added, however, that the

diversified nature of the

group's operations, strong bal-

ance sheet liquidity and prop-

erty value provide a measure

of support that is helpful in

Mr Pugh said: "The com-

pany maintains its endeav-

ours to maximise income and

net tangible assets per share,

minimise costs and invest in

present times.

£2.6 million from profits.

Canadian activities.

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rises 1p to 12p.

million).

cent of the company, NCR investors would have the right to buy cheap shares designed to make any bid too

expensive for a predator. Charles Exley, NCR's chairman, has threatened to resign if the AT&T

bid succeeds. in a letter to Robert Allen, the chairman of AT&T, Mr Exley said:
"If you cannot offer NCR olders this fair value [of \$125 a share] we will use every means at our disposal to protect our shareholders and other shareholders against your attempt to deny them the inherent values of NCR."

However, Mr Allen wrote in reply: "All we have is a difference of opinion on price, we should let your shareholders decide. We believe that we are offering a full and fair price."

The two have been talking for almost a month. AT&T first offered \$85 a share, then \$90 in a share swap deal. The group has now offered cash. Some analysts expect the offer to be lifted closer to \$100 a share. In early trading on Wall Street, NCR shares had risen \$5 to \$91%, while those of AT&T were up \$1/2 at

\$301/4. A successful bid would mark the start of the European advance of AT&T, which is valued on Wall Street at \$30 billion.

NCR is Europe's minth largest computer maker, accounting for a and almost 30 per cent of operating

Industry experts say the aggressive stance being taken by AT&T is much more than a move by the telecommunications group to prop up its small and ailing computer business by merging it with that of the successful NCR.

AT&T says it must grow in the computer business to achieve a grand plan of linking people, organ-isations and their information in a seamless global computer network.

Analysts say it would take much more than \$6 billion to achieve that kind of dominant market position from a standing start.

Turnover advances 25% at Euromoney

EUROMONEY Publications, the financial publisher headed by Sir Patrick Sergeant, former city editor of the Daily Mail unveiled pre-tax profits ahead 18 per cent to £8.82 million (£7.4 million) in the year to end-September. Turnover increased 25 per cent to £34 million. Euromoney, the flagship magazine that accounts for about a fifth of business, suffered from the worldwide fall in financial advertising, although revenues from surveys were at record levels.

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Advertising revenue declined by about 15 per cent. The company said that spending on advertising and promotion generally is down and looks like falling further. Earnings per share rose 16 per cent from 24.02p to 27.9p. The final dividend is lifted to 12p (10.5p), making an increased total of 18.5p (16p) for the year. The shares firmed 5p to 341p.

Profits rise at Tunstall

PRE-TAX profits at Tunstall Group, the security equipment group, advanced to £5.13 million (£3.11 million) in the year to September, on turnover down to £47.4 million (£52.1 million). Gearing stands at 33.4 per cent (152.6 per cent). The final dividend was 3p (2.75p), making a total of 5p (4.5p) for the year. Earnings per share jump to 20.3p (12.6p).

Bid by Perrier and Smurfit

FRANCE'S Source Perrier is part of a group organised by Ireland's Jefferson Smurfit Group that has made an offer to buy three French makers of corrugated cardboard owned by Georgia-Pacific of America, Perrier said. Perrier is a major customer of Laurent, Espaly and Papeteries Etienne which have combined annual revenues of about Fr900 million.

BTP raises dividend

BTP, the specialist chemicals and industrial group, unveiled operating profits ahead by 24 per cent from £7.1 million to £8.83 million, on turnover up 22 per cent from £60.1 million to £73.1 million. Pre-tax profits stood at £8.32 million in the six months to end-September (£9.6 million).

Operating profits from the chemicals division rose from £3.8 million to £4.7 million, biocides climbed from £1.5 million to £1.8 million, and industrials grew £1.8 million to £2.3 million. Earnings per share rose from 6.52p to 7.39p, and the interim dividend improved to 2.95p (2.75p).

Macdonald 81% ahead

MACDONALD Martin Distilleries, producer of Glenmorangie single malt Scotch whisky, increased pre-tax profits by 81 per cent to £5.17 million during the six months to the end of September on turnover 27 per cent higher at £16.37 million. Higher profits reflected rising sales volumes. Interim dividends are 2p (1.60p) per 'A' share and 1p (0.80p) per 'B' share.

Brent Walker board change

WILFRED Aquilina has stepped down as finance director of Brent Walker. Last night, a spokesman for the company confirmed that Mr Aquilina would be re-George Walker, Brent Walker's chairman and chief executive, is also thought to be considering the appointment of two new non-executive directors and the splitting of his current dual role.

Call for Goodman aid

GOODMAN International's bank creditors have called on the Irish government to help rescue the meat processing group, which owes £1r460 million (£424 million). A statement from the creditor banks said that "positive financial support" from the Irish authorities should form part of any rescue package.

Goodman blames its difficulties on sanctions halting trade

with Iraq, which owes the company £Ir180 million. The Irish government has not officially said whether it is willing to

Containers purchase helps Tiphook soar to £25.2m By GEORGE SIVELL

£75 million to £131 million in

Half of Tiphook sales come

from America, the rest from

any downturn in the UK

No containing Tiphook: Robert Montague is planning a venture in the Soviet Union

TIPHOOK, now the world's ago, is not unduly troubled by the new, as yet unnamed, joint group, raised interim pre-tax profits from £10.1 million to £25.2 million in the six

months to end-October. The figures reflect the acguisition of 200,000 containers from Sea Containers in the wake of the bid battle and a further improvement in

profit margins. Earnings growth was much slower, however, up 25 per cent to 21.9p a share.

But shareholders paid £240 million of the \$537 million Sea Containers purchase price via a rights issue.

The half-year dividend rises

shares rose 4p to 369p. Tiphook, which was founded by Robert Montague, the

the Soviet Union with Sovtransavto, the state transport

expansion opportunities and is in the throes of negotiating to establish a joint venture in

Tiphook feels it has something to offer the ailing Soviet million, up slightly from the 30 per cent to 3.5p net and the transport infrastructure, which is the cause of present

food shortages. Tiphook is offering to pro-

Only ten per cent of In return, the company will Tiphook turnover, up from win the right to rent containers to the joint venture in return for hard currency. the half-year, comes from the At the moment, Tiphook

has 300 of its containers on rent in the Soviet Union. Stockbrokers are forecasting Mr Montague is now look- a rise in full-year pre-tax ing to eastern Europe for profits from £33 million to £75 million for the year to

end-April 1991. At the end of October, borrowings stood at £640 million, up from £582 million reported at the end of April, on shareholders' funds of £246

£220 million last reported. Gearing, however, is expected to fall to around 2.25 from the present 2.6 at the present chairman, 12 years vide training and expertise to full-year end.

Control Securities down to £13.3m

NAZMU Virani's Control was 68 per cent. The interim

Securities is weathering the storm in the property market. In the six months to end-September, the company sold £52 million worth of property. and hotels division rose 138 With rental income boosting the division's turnover to £61 million, the property division made operating profits of £16.8 million, only 7 per cent

down on 1989. Control's interest bill has risen 67 per cent to £9.9 million, but a buoyant performance from the company's of our strategy in the present group pre-tax profits to £13.3 freehold assets, and our con-

Div: 5.25p, mkg 8.4p

BROWN & TAWSE (Int)

Pre-tax: £2.17m (£4.82m) EPS: 4.8p (10p) Div: 2.85p (2.85p)

CLARKE HOOPER (Int) Pre-tax: £1.73m (£1.65m)

CLF YEOMAN (Int) Pre-tax: £3.27m (£8.06m) EPS: 5.6p (14.5p) Div: Nil (2.5p)

CHANNEL EXPRESS (Int) Pre-tax: £1.02m EPS: 5.5p (4.8p)

LATHAM (JAMES) (Int)

MURRAY ENTERPRISE

Pre-tax: Loss £8,327 LPS: 0.18p (EPS: 1.11p)

SECURITY ARCHIVES (Int)

Pre-tax: £222,000 EPS: 2.07p (19.9p) Div: 2p (4.25p)

WELLMAN (Int)

Pre-tax: £1.17m

EPS: 2.6p (1.8p) Div: 0.8p (0.75p)

EPS: 6.7p (5.7p)

JAMES CROSBY (Int)

WIGGINS GROUP (Int)

Pre-tax: Loss £889,000

Pre-tax: £815,000`

EPS: 4.9p (13.4p)

Pre-tax: £729.000

AVESCO (Int) Pre-tax: £302,000 EPS: 0.3p (3.2p)

Div: 0.5p (0.5p)

EPS: 7.1p (6.5p) Div: 1.7p (1.6p)

dividend is raised 10 per cent to 0.55p (0.5p). Operating profits from Control's brewing, public houses

per cent to £6.4 million. The division now has 820 public houses and the Belhaven brewery, which it bought two years ago for £18 million. It also has 23 hotels with a total of 5,000 bedrooms, Mr Virani said: "The results

demonstrate the pragmatism eisure division limited the recessionary climate of only damage to a 10 per cent fall in holding income-producing million. A further £2.9 million tinuing to give prominence to of interest has been capital- asset backed leisure sed. Gearing, said Mr Virani, businesses."

Anglo United debt hopes By MARTIN BARROW

DOUGLAS **Strong performance** in difficult trading conditions

Summary of Half Year Results

To 30th September		
(unaudited)	1990	1989
Turnover	£186m	£l6lm
Pre-tax profit	£5.34m	£5.26m
Profit attributable to members	£3.13m	£3.15m
Earnings per share	20.7p	20.6р
Dividends per share	3.0p	3.0p

"The Group has performed very well in difficult market conditions. The figures underline the success of our strategy of well balanced activity, geographic spread, management depth and stringent financial control. We are in a strong position to meet the challenges of a hostile economic environment."

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John Douglas OBE, Chairman Robert M. Douglas Holdings PLC

for financial ingenuity. Only £3.7 million of interest has been taken through the profit and loss account. A further £17.5 million of interest has been added to the cost of the company's development

> ensure that when its three big developments are complete.

ANGLO United, the fuel dis- after completing a series of financial years, which the tribution group, says it is on disposals and expects to repay schedule to repay borrowings a further £70 million by

incurred after the £478 million March 31, 1991, its year-end acquisition of the larger A bridging loan of £50 Coalite Group in August 1989. million will be repaid on or The company, which as- before February 22 as plansumed £440 million of debt to ned. Banking arrangements finance the contested take-over, has repaid £195 million £70 million over the next four

office developments, includ-

ing the new building above

Charing Cross station, are fully let. One is finished, while

the other two are near

Greycoat's next develop-

ments are in the very early

stages. "As and when we begin

to move out of the present

recession we shall be able to

take advantage of the im-

portant development projects

we have at present at the planning stage," said Mr

At Paternoster Square,

where Greycoat is in partner-

ship with Park Tower Realty

and Mitsubishi Estate, a pub-

lic exhibition of the con-

sortium's plans for the area

will be held in the new year.

The consortium owns the

central 4.2 acres of the site

next to St Paul's Cathedral.

Greycoat profits Turnover virtually doubled surge by 51%

By OUR CITY STAFF

PRE-TAX profits at Greycoat, overheads, tax and dividends. the property developer and All three of its big London investment group, have jumped 51 per cent to £13.2 million in the six months to September. However, Geoffrey Wilson, chairman, has warned that this growth will not continue in the second half. The company is paying an unchanged dividend of

The results once again con-firmed Greycoat's reputation properties, together with £2.4 million of administrative expenses and £3.29 million of bond discount accretion.

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company considers to be well within its capability.

Anglo United unveiled interim figures showing taxable profits down sharply from £5.97 million to £1.12 million in the six months to end-September. Earnings declined from 4p a share to 1.3p. The interim dividend is being maintained at 0.2p a share.

from £165.64 million to £320.87 million, and trading profits rose from £7.3 million to £15.53 million. Businesses that will remain part of the enlarged Anglo United increased profits 95 per cent to £11.82 million.

The disposal of a property in Wandsworth, south London, netted £7.86 million and associated company profits were £1.47 million, making a total income of £24.23 million. lion, against £14.43 million.

But interest charges were sharply higher at £23.11 million (£8.46 million). David McErlain, the chair-

man, who is giving up his dual role as chief executive after the appointment of John Gainham as managing director, said that disposals had proseeded in line with Anglo United's original strategy, despite deteriorating economic conditions.

Since September 1989, Apglo United has netted a total of £199.6 million through disposals. Still to be sold are Coalite's auto dealerships and | GIBBON LYONS (Int) interests in scientific instruments, together with EPS: 6.0p (6.5p) Pozament, a manufacturer of erouting materials, and Free-Pre-tax: Loss f695,000

AJ ARCHER (Fin) Pre-tax: £5.66m (£6,34m) EPS: 16.5p (17.1p) Total dividend last year was 8p. Turnover eased to £6.73m (£7.49m). Net interest received was

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£804,000 (£404,000). Last time's profit was £2.33m. Turnover fell to £9.46m (£14.4m). Trading shows no sign of early improvement. Gearing is about 15%. Turnover fell to £90.8m (£94.9m). Interests costs rose to £2.37m (£1.92m). All group's sections saw a decline in demand.

Board believes that the group is well positioned for continued growth in each of its specialist

Figures in Irish currency. The CLF Holdings subsidiary made trading losses of Ir2900,000. Gross income increased to Ir£78.4m (Ir£59.1m)-Last time's profit was £793,000. Turnover grew to £14.9m (£8.76m). Group had good summer volumes of freight and flowers from Guernsey. Last time's profit was £1.58m. While board believes it has taken right steps, it remains apprehensive about the state of trade.

Last time's profit was £880,000. .2p (1.6o). Turnover increased Final results. Pre-tax profit for previous 14 months was £421,000.

Last time's profit was £437,000. Turnover grew by 35 per cent to £3.2m. Interim dividend 3p (2.5p)-Last time's profit was £2.25m. Tumover £10.2m (£8.6m), Interim dividend cut to 0.75p (1.25p).

Last time's pre-tax loss was £806,000. Turnover tell to £6.92m (£10.8m). No dividend. Last time's profit was £702,000. Turnover climbed to £11.9m (£11m)-Interim dividend 2.0p (1.9p). Last time's pre-tax loss was 2822,000. Turnover climbed to 55 83m (£5.47m). No dividend...

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Lloyd's plan to set up its own reinsurance company to underwrite the liabilities of the run-off years of account gives the first impression that Lloyd's is weighing in with real help for those who were unlucky enough to join syndicates which became entangled with business carrying the long and lethal tail of asbestos claims. What is proposed is a highly expensive option: it will give the names no real benefits except that of certainty. They will be able to exchange the unknown future liability for a set, one-off,

premium_ The snag is that the premium will be no lower than the amount estimated to be necessary to discharge all the future liabilities. Few of the syndicates currently in trouble with run-off years have that amount of reserve in hand, so in exchange for certainty, the names will have to dip their hands in their pockets sooner

Digging deep in Lime Street

rather than later. Some, undoubtedly, will consider almost any price a reasonable amount to pay to walk away from the openended commitment. Others will be in no better shape to pay the reinsurance premium than to meet the claims as they fall due.

There was a certain anxiety to present the plan as the many coming to the aid of the few in a way which will not involve the many digging into their pockets. The history of the troubled syndicates, however, is that the extent of future claims has been consistently under-estimated and if the run-off reinsurance premiums prove inadequate, then the central fund will have to make good. Lloyd's has already started to crank up the size of the central fund to one billion pounds. If history is any guide,

every penny will be needed. One small consolation for the names is that the premium payable will be deducted for tax purposes and any resultant loss

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will be allowable. So the good old taxpayer will effectively pick up part of the tab for the excesses. greed and lack of judgment of some Lloyd's syndicates.

Hanson high

ord Hanson and his partner Sir Gordon White have few dequals when it comes to reading the rises and falls of business cycles. They are about to reap a rich harvest as a result.

In the past couple of years, when captains of industry tended to measure their virility by the pile of takeover scalps they won, Hanson and White mostly kept their powder dry. Not for them the fancy prices made possible by

clever but dangerous financial engineering devised by feehungry corporate financiers. Instead, they made a string of medium-sized disposals at what now look like exorbitant ratings and pounced instead on opportunities too good to miss, such as ConsGold and Peabody.

With £6.9 billion in the bank, a strong balance sheet and the power to borrow up to £16 billion, Hanson could in theory set its sights on an acquisition of, say, £15 billion. The next 12 months are likely to bring opportunities galore, and when Hanson makes its move, probably in America, there will be no white knight riding to the rescue on junk debt.

The point for shareholders to

grasp is a simple one. Hanson's earnings will rise sharply by the end of 1992 without acquisitions. With a well-timed bid, they could

Sagging floor

t could soon be another day for the diary for ERM trivia buffs. ■With the pound trading down to DM2.8850 against the background of crashing oil prices, a breach of DM2.88 is in sight. This level was the "effective floor" for sterling set by the highflying peseta when Britain joined the ERM on October 8. But this has since moved down in almost perfect synchronisation with

When sterling entered the ERM at DM2.95, the effective floor was DM2.88. Today, with the pound just below DM2.89, official calculations tell us that the "effective floor" is down to DM2.82. In other words, the immediate downside risk for sterling is exactly the same now as it was then - seven pfennigs. It seems that the peseta provides a rather special kind of floor for sterling. It ensures that sterling's ride downwards is reasonably smooth and comfortable, but it does nothing to prevent the movement down.

All this must be something of an embarrassment to the many analysts who argued two months ago that seven pfennigs would be the maximum downwide risk for sterling in the ERM. If the pound breaks decisively through DM2.88, more speculative pressure is to be expected as the disillusioned sterling bulls finally give up. The authorities seem unworried. They know that the only ERM floor that matters is the one against the mark at DM2.7780. For some of the monetary masochists at Threadneedle Street, the weakness of sterling may even be welcome if it limits the scope for an early cut in interest rates. But what if the Chancellor cuts rates anyway next Friday? That's when the testing of the ERM will really

GRAND Metropolitan may have outperformed the market by about 20 per cent over the past year, but it has not been a smooth ride. The interim result in May was marred by an outbreak of "mad cow" disease, which sent the shares into a spin, while the apparently endless wrangling with the trade department over the Courage deal was a feature of the summer.

By autumn, the company was suffering profit markdowns on the back of its high exposure to the dollar. The shares, therefore, have vecred wildly from about 520p to almost 680p in the past 12 months. A sparkling set of full-year figures yesterday sent them 17p higher to 629p. Pre-tax profits rose from

£732 million to £919 million, the top end of analysts' forecasts, and although Sir Allen Sheppard, the chairman, admits the group is not immune from recession, there are still further benefits to squeeze out of the 1988 acquisition of Pilisbury in America.

GrandMet boasted of organic growth of 17 per cent from its drinks business, 12.5 per cent from retail and 21 per cent from food, excluding the Alpo pet food concern, which was withdrawn from sale.

The market believes that brewing, in the widest sense, is one of the most recessionproof sectors, gloomy comments from Bass on Wednesday notwithstanding. Grand-Met can point to gearing halved to 84 per cent from the takeover, while the eventual resolution of the Courage issue, and probable cash inflows of about £500 million, will bring gearing down another 20 percentage points.

Despite lower property earnings and weakness in the dollar, pre-tax profits should be in the £1 billion range this year. The shares, therefore, sell on about the sector average of ten times' future earnings. They deserve better.

Pilkington

PILKINGTON'S European and American flat and safety glass business held up remarkably well in the six months to end-September, mainly **TEMPUS**

GrandMet resilience yet to be appreciated



From bad to worse: Hichens of YJ Lovell

Since the 7 per cent shortfall Instead, pre-tax profits fell 30 per cent to £103 million and the group could again have to look over its shoulder for an aggressive bidder.

The main short-term damage was from glass operations in Brazil, Argentina and

are in booming Germany conditions were disastrous. rather than in Britain. Far more damaging to the corporate image is the failure of the anti-cyclical diversifica-

other high tech businesses fell from an inadequate £15 million to £6 million on £290 million sales.

The expensively bought Visioncare companies recovered after the American conbecause the biggest operations Australasia, where market million. But they should be 1991.

making over £50 million a year and are saleable. The immediate defence is to

maintain the full-year dividend of 10.5p per share. With American and British glass profits under more pressure, full-year profits may be only £200 million. That would leave the shares at 158p, 12 times prospective earnings of about 13p with a yield of 8.9 per cent. Recovery could be dramatic, but will take some

YJ Lovell FOR the property and construction group YJ Lovell, 1990 has been a disaster.

It started badly with the unsuccessful and ruinously expensive bid for Higgs & Hill, and then became worse. Serious problems in its urban renewal division coincided with a general slump in housebuilding and commercial development. The full

scale of the damage is now

Pretax profits of £19.9 million for the year to end-September are 31 per cent below restated figures for 1989 and 40 per cent below the unadjusted figures announced in the middle of the £167 million bid for Higgs & Hill.

The damage continues below the line, where extraor-dinary items of £11.4 million reduce the attributable profit to £3 million. Paying an unchanged dividend of 6.75p to give a total of 8.95p (8.75p) required a £2.2 million trans-

fer from reserves. whose chairman is Antony Hichens, from the company's high profile but now out of fashion urban renewal business, is proving even more expensive than originally

The only real bright spot was construction, where pre-tax and pre-exceptional profits

Despite the uncertain outlook there could still be a modest rise in profits in the current year to say £21 million. At 140p, the shares are on a p/e of 6 and could reward anyone who believes the house market will recover in

PRICES in the unofficial "grey market" for electricity shares edged higher yesterday, with Northern, the most highly priced of the 12 distributors, at 140p as the number of applications processed crossed four million.

The total is likely to be well above six million. Although under the clawback arrangements the public will now receive 55 per cent of the issue, scaling-back is inevitable, quite possibly for all applicants except those who applied for the £100 minimum investment in their own board.

The grey market run by IG Index, the financial bookmaker, showed an average price when dealings start next Tuesday of 136p. But analysts covering the

float were advising retail investors not to count their profits too soon. If the 12 share prices go to the indicated premium, the companies in yield terms will look less attractive than water shares, where the package is yielding about 7.2 per cent. MARTIN WALLER

Electricity grey market edges higher Loss on bank and building society cards should be £50 LOSSES on all bank and Lloyds say they already limit is the case, and the code, for

building society cards will be limited to £50 under a draft code of practice, which should come into operation by the middle of next year. Customers will still be liable

if they are negligent or fraudulent.

The proposed voluntary code of banking practice has been drawn up by a working group comprising representatives of the British Bankers' Association, the Building Societies Association and the Association for Payment and Clearing Services. This follows a recommendation by the Jack committee review of

banking services last year and a white paper in the spring of this year. Credit cards are already limited to maximum losses for customers of £50 under the

Consumer Credit Act. Most companies do not hold customers responsible for any of the loss unless they have have been negligent or personally involved in a fraud.

National Westminster and

losses to customers on all the most part, reproduces cards. Barclays said it was what is currently the best looking at the possibility of practice on the part of the introducing the £50 limit to all leading institutions. Accordcards ahead of the implementation of the code. For the first time, customers

will be able to refuse a personal identification number with their cards so that they cannot be used in cash dispensers. The code also seeks views

on whether customers should have the right to choose their own numbers. The code will also require

lenders to take particular care when marketing credit to young people aged 18 to 21. Banks and building societies will also have to publish all their charges. Sir George Blunden, who

chaired the steering committee overseeing the drawing up of the code, said: "The fact that a code of practice has been produced does not mean that we have a poor banking system in the United Kingingly, it is not expected that upheaval in the way that banks, building societies and card issuers behave."

Guy Dehn, the legal officer of the National Consumer Council, said that it wanted negligence relating to losses on bank cards to be detailed in the code so that bank customers knew when they might be liable for large losses.

The council also wanted customers to be given notice before banks and building societies levied charges on accounts. This could avoid a customer being pushed into the red by the charges.

Comments on the code should be sent by March 1 to Code of Banking Practice, 10 Lombard Street, London EC3V 9AP.

LINDSAY COOK

in these core operations was tion strategy. Pilkington's more than doubled to £11.8 fully covered by lower interest combined operating profits million. But construction will STRONG GROWTH CONTINUES charges, Pilkington might less losses from eyecare, inhave been sticking its corbe hard pressed to do as well porate chest out with pride. sulation, military optical and

Turnover up 75% to £130.8m Pre-tax profits up 150% to £25.2m Interim dividend up 30% to 3.5p

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Turnover	£130.8	£74.8	75%
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	£25.2	£10.1	150%
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	£23.8	£10.1	136%
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One stop for **James Capel**

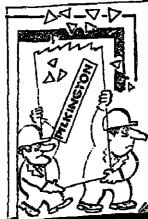
AS REDUNDANCY speculation sweeps the City, James Capel has confirmed that it has laid off seven employees from its Australian and mining desks in London. Those shown the door were two mining salesmen, two mining dealers, one dealer from the :Australian desk and two secretaries. "A few years ago we established a separate company in Australia and also bought into an existing brok- hitherto neglected smaller ing firm in Canada. Both those companies sector of the stock firms had their own sales desks in London, which meant that there was some duplication of services." ex- ment of Andrew Richmond, a plains Rob Weinberg, head of Capel's international mining ings Asset Management. Richdepartment. "We are thus mond, aged 24, due to start on amalgamating the Australian Monday, has been with Flemdesk in London with the international mining department and in due course we would like to do the same thing with the Canadian desk." Weinberg says that the changes are a refocusing rather than a cost cutting exercise and, to prove his point, adds that he is in the process of recruiting a mining analyst — "I can't tell you who he is because he hasn't resigned yet" - and five specialist mining sales traders from RND International, a small South African broker based in London. They are John Daniels, Tom Walford, Alasiair White, Andy McDougal and Rob Leith. "In a sense we are returning to our roots," says

Weinberg, "providing a one-stop colonial department."

West Water in the Cornish Guardian read: "In the summer representatives of the par-ish councils had called at the South West Water information stand seeking answers to a variety of questions. The official they spoke to had tried to be helpful but appeared out of his depth."

Firm watcher

AT LAST one of the big broking firms seems to be turning its attention to the market. UBS Phillips & Drew is bolstering its smaller companies team with the recruitspecialist analyst, from Flemings for more than two years. "It has been a very difficult time for smaller companies," he admits. "But things will



improve. Over the next couple AN ARTICLE about South of years I think UBS P& D will put a lot of effort into this area so that when there is an upturn in the performance of smaller companies it will be well placed." All square

WHILE many brokers and

bankers in the square mile are counting themselves lucky simply to have jobs this Christmas, staff at Lazards, the merchant bank, have suddenly lost their festive cheer after hearing about their annual pay increases. Compared with a flat rate increase of 14 per cent last year - which meant a rise of £5,600 for someone on a salary of £40,000 - this year's pay rise is to be £1,000, for everyone from the messenger boys to the senior executives.

IF YOU complain about the number of Christmas cards you send, spare a thought for the Queen. People live so long that she now has to send 1,700 100th birthday greetings, compared with 200 in 1952.

Merry go round

WHEN John Woolfenden's wife and children arrive in London from their Wigan home for a family theatre trip and celebration in honour of his 50th birthday this evening they could find him somewhat the worse for wear. For popular and jovial Woolfenden. group compliance officer at UBS Phillips & Drew, will

private luncheon party with some of his closest City friends at the Connaught Hotel, but also a surprise cham pagne breakfast being thrown by his compliance colleagues within the Broadgate headquarters of UBS P&D. "I will not fall asleep during the theatre," Woolfenden insisted yesterday, still in ignorance of the boozy breakfast that lay before him.

SIR Michael Straker, aged 62.

Geordie toast

a straight-backed old Etonian who once served in the Coldstream Guards, is more understanding than mos about the homesickness soldiers in the Gulf will experience this Christmas. Since they will not be able to drown their sorrows in alcohol, he is making use of his position as chairman of Northumbrian Water to ease their plight. Some 12,000 bottles of Northumbrian Water have been loaded into two 20 ft containers and are on their way to the troubled region by sea, a journey expected to take three weeks. The containers are intended for the 700 or so Royal Scots Dragoon Guards there, a sizeable percentage of whom are Geordies. "It will give them a taste of home," says a spokesman, "and give them something with which to toast their families at Christmas." It should also ease the sizeable Ministry of Defence

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Secretariat, Gland, Switzerland

Assistant Director General, Conservation Programmes

NUCN - The World Conservation Union - invites applications for the post of Assistant Director General, Conservation Programmes.

FUCN is a unique Union of 63 States, 110 government agencies, and over 450 nongovernmental organizations, active in 119 countries, its mission is to provide national leadership for the conservation of nature and the sustainable use of natural resources, it harnesses volunteer networks of over 3000 experts through six Commissions and operates major Secretariat scientific programmes. There are 190 staff, 66 of them at the Union's Headquarters at Gland, Switzerland.

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Applications (accompanied by a curriculum vitae and the names of three confide raterees) should be sent by 7 January 1991 to the Personnel Officer (NS), IUCN, The World Conservation Union, Avenue du Mont-Blanc, CH-1196 Gland, Switzerland. Further details are available on request.

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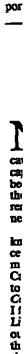
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Shares near 2,200 level as dealers await start of trading in electricity

EVENTS in the Middle East should help to reduce inflacontinued to dominate the equity market with the reports prices sharply higher. But trading conditions remained from Iraq.
thin. Turnover rose to 556
BP fell 9p to 330p, Entermillion shares but this was inflated by several programme trades and a high level of bedand-breakfast deals to establish tax losses.

Dealers said that fund managers were reluctant to be drawn in by the growing prospect of a peaceful settlement in the Middle East. They were waiting for the start of trading in the shares of the electricity companies next week. Judging by the price movements in the grey market, there should be some big

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premiums on the first day. The FT-SE 100 index came within 10 points of the 2,200 level before boiling over as a firm start on Wall Street petered out. The index fin-ished 24.9 up at 2.177.5. The FT index of 30 shares added 28.3 at 1,717.9. Sentiment was also helped by the news of the European concession in the Gatt talks. There was little reaction to the gloomy distrib- 20.4p. utive trades' survey from the

Government securities achieved gains of almost £1 at the longer end with hopes for impact of the weak dollar on an early cut in interest rates American earnings, fewer

C&W to set

up £200m

Polish deal

By OUR CITY STAFF

CABLE and Wireless, the telecommunications group,

has signed a memorandum of

understanding with the Polish

ministry of posts to set up a

telecommunications network

in the Gdansk region. The

plan will involve investments

of more than £200 million

In exchange, Cable and

Wireless will be granted a 25-

year licence to operate and

manage the network in co-

operation with the Polish

The new network will pro-

vide modern digital inter-

national and domestic ser-

Within six to ten years, an

integrated digital network will be completed and serve at

least 450,000 customers.

Work is expected to start soon.

regional and national oper-

over a seven- to ten-year

period.

tion. But oil shares took a pounding as the price for that Iraq planned to release all January Brent slid to \$25.45 foreign hostages driving share after the easing of tension in the Middle East and the offer

prise 22p to 612p, Lasmo 22p to 391p, Premier Consolidated 41/2p to 621/2p, Shell 5p to 452p, and Ultramar 5p to 332p. Only Burmah Castrol, currently fighting for control of Foseco, was able to buck the trend with a rise of 21p to 506p. Its extensive downstream activities may benefit from a lower oil price.

The failing price of oil should also be good news for British Airways, up 11p at 159p. BA issued a warning Last month that rising fuel costs meant it was unlikely to make any profits in the second half of its current year.

The full-year figures from Grand Metropolitan, the international brewing and food group, were at the top end of expectations, lifting the shares 18p to 630p. Pre-tax profits were up from £732 million to £919 million with carnings a share climbing from 17.6p to

Sir Allen Sheppard, the chairman, expects further growth in earnings next year. But he gave a warning that the revived. Lower fuel bills property disposals and an

outside Europe to combat

financial losses threatened by

weakness of the dollar,

Gerhard Liener, finance direc-

tor of Daimler-Benz, said

be sub-contracted to countries

with dollar-linked currencies

in central and south America.

or to Indonesia. "That is one

Daimler acquired control of

schmitt-Bölkow-Blohm out of

Because aircraft sales world-

wide are priced in dollars, the

German Federal government

undertook to protect Daimler

against fluctuations in the

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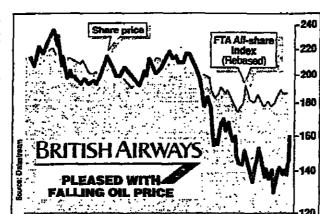
Herr Liener said work could

AIRBUS Industrie may shift mark/dollar rate between

a 37.9 per cent stake in Airbus rates has spurred continental

when it bought Messer partners in the Airbus con-

much of its manufacturing DM1.60 and DM2.



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make things difficult. Final figures from Hanson the industrial conglomerate, were at the bottom end of

gloomy reading. Pre-tax profits dropped from £147.1 million to £103.2 million. Sir Antony Pilkington, the chairman, said that the recession expectations but the shares had resulted in weaker destill rose 31/2p to 1991/2p. Pre- mand, Pilkington is concen-

Lucas Industries, the automotive and aerospace compo group, jumped 10p to 143p. The group told analysts that it has been in talks with representatives of the company's pension fund about the use of its excess assets. Both sides have worked out a formula which has resulted in big improvements in members' benefits and a return of £90 million, after tax, for the company.

Weak dollar may force Airbus

to leave Europe, says Daimler

contributed £579 million, although Amey Roadstone and London Brick were both affected by the recession.

The interim figures from Pilkington, Britain's biggest

Herr Liener said Daimler

now faced huge technical

losses at the year end because

the dollar has since softened to

DM1.49. Daimler is obliged

by German accounting rules

to provide against currency

losses on its share of the entire

Airbus order book. Negotia-

tions with Daimler's auditors

The volatility of exchange

sortium to follow the lead of

British Aerospace, which has a

20 per cent stake. BAe has

shifted half of its civil aircraft

work into dollar contracts,

Airbus, constituted as

partnership between Daimler,

BAe, Aerospatiale of France

and Casa of Spain, is now one

of Europe's largest businesses.

Herr Liener said he hoped it could be incorporated under

French law by the end of 1991.

raising the possibility that shares could be offered to the

Herr Liener was speaking as

Daimler gained a listing on the

International Stock Exchange

in London via an introduction

by Deutsche Bank and Mor-

The Daimler finance direc-

tor quashed expectations that

Helmut Haussmann, who re-

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"Herr Haussmann must find

his own job," he said.

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about a less draconian treat-

ment continue.

tax profits were 20 per cent trating on more cost reducahead at £1,28 billion. The tions, the sale of surplus assets group's British operations and the rationalisation of manufacturing capacity. The profits setback had been expected, so the price ended 6p better at 161p.

Tiphook, the containers and Pilkington, Britain's biggest trailer rental group, rose 4p to glass manufacturer, made 369p after reporting first-half

bled to £25.2 million. The figures were in line with expectations and analysts have pencilled in at least £75 million for the full year.

Brent Walker, the debtladen leisure group, fell 4p to 74p on the departure of Wilfred Aquilina, the finance director. The news was not entirely unexpected. Last week, the group finally managed to get its £103 million convertible bond under-

Reuters, the international news agency and financial information group, jumped 32p to 648p in further response to this week's presentation for analysts in New York at which the group made a profits forecast.

The Buazi paper and building products group recovered some of its composure with a rise of 1p to 691/2p. The shares were knocked by claims this week that the outlook for next vear was grim. An anonymous document was sent by fax to a number of analysis. The company said the fax was false and has asked the Stock Exchange to investigate.

The Wickes do-it-yourselfand building products group rallied 1p to 60p after Wednesday sharp fall.

MICHAEL CLARK

WORLD MARKETS

The Hang Seng

• Frankfurt - Shares rock-

Profit-taking cuts Dow rise

lower as some investors took a peaceful settlement. quick profits. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 24 surged 60.56 to 3,126.79, points to 2,634.40 after rising while the Hong Kong index jumped 28.74 to 1,152.96. by 36 points. jumped 39.26 to 2,050.15.

Optimism for peace in the Gulf was high after Iraq's offer The news helped shares but sent crude oil prices lower. ● Hong Kong - Prices ended up 33.71 points, or 2.3 per

Weaker oil lifts Nikkei 359 points

PRICES closed higher because of hopes for a quick, peaceful settlement in the Middle East. Benedicte Ivey, the manager of international sales at Credit Lyonnais Securities (Japan), said: "The market opened higher on the back of weaker oil prices."

Turnover was relatively moderate. There was buying in insurance and pharmaceutical issues.

The Nikkei average closed 359.38 points, or 1.62 per cent, up at 22,553.10. The turnover of 330 million shares compared with 350 million on

Wednesday. The market opened to the news that Iraq had accepted President Bush's proposal for talks on the Gulf, which triggered overnight gains on Wall Street and sent oil prices in New York to their lowest in

£20m at half time

By MARTIN BARROW WEAKER dollar affected

Pre-tax profits fell from £20.07 million to £19.84 million in the six months to end-September, with unfavourable profitability by about £1 mil-

its fell from £23.18 million t

Bill Goodall, the chairman "excellent" performances b

would release hostages. The Dax index closed at 1,504.67,

at their highest since August cent, from Wednesday's close, SHARES were strong at mid- 16. in a confident market Singapore - The market morning, but blue chips were buoyed by renewed hopes for closed on a firm note with prices rising sharply across the board in active trading. The Straits Times industrial index Sydney — Shares ended

marginally firmer despite eted late on Thursday after news of the completion of the to release all foreign hostages. President Hussein said he Westpac Banking share sale. The All-Ordinaries index closed 1.3 firmer at 1.323.3. (Reuter)

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first-half earnings at Scapa Group, which makes products for the paper and printing industries and has substantial interests in North America.

currency movements reducing changed at 7.1p a share while the interim dividend rises from 1.43p a share to 1.5p.

Group turnover advanced 5 Daney Dension of £141.57 million, power and the first of per cent to £141.57 million, with British operations gaining £5.2 million to £56.68 million after the acquisition of £10.5 million at the beginning of the financial year. In North America, sales to £52.38 mil-(£53.05 million), with other countries contributing £32.51 million (£30.4 million At the operating level, prof

ain's contribution rose from £5.33 million to £6.10 million North America's fell from £13.89 million to £13.03 mil lion and that of other countries from just under £ million to £3.55 million. No interest charges were cut from £3.11 million to £2.85 million

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Thames Power agrees £500m station site THAMES Power has reached demand, and potential re- was originally to have been

ALPHA STOCKS

Listing: Gerhard Liener outside the exchange yesterday

agreement with the London Borough of Barking and Dag-River Thames (Ross Tieman

The deal clears the way for the first gas-fired power station in the Southeast, where bined cycle gas turbine station essary consents from the en-MAJOR CHANGES

wards, are highest. Thames proposed £500 million, 1,000 struction group. Its partners megawatt power station alongare CU Power, part of the megawatt power station along-side the lower reaches of the Canadian group ATCO, with 45 per cent; and J Henry Schroder Wagg, the merchant bank, which has 10 per cent.

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port links are as crucial as north-south ones. As our trade with Europe grows, the east-coast ports will have a vital role alongside the Channel tunnel and the Channel ports. The govern-ment is investing heavily in giving the transpennine region the transpennine region the transport infrastructure it needs. On the roads, we have a £3 billion programme in the northwest. Yorkshire and Humberside, in-cluding about £500 million on the

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M62 and other roads crossing the Pennines - together with a study on the need for further links. The rail lines across the

Pennines have seen significant improvements in services over

Super-city where north meets south

new "super region" is being developed in England. The Transpennine region cuts across the traditional north-south divide by uniting Lancashire and Yorkshire in an area that is home to almost 12 million people, and five million

more along its fringes.

The artery through which the wealth and enthusiasm flows is the M62 motorway from Liverpool in the west to the mouth of the Humber in the east.

The Transpennine region already accounts for more than £63 billion, or about 20 per cent, of Britain's gross domestic product. What proponents describe as the linear "super-city" has not only a fast-growing financial services sector, but ten universities and six polytechnics within its oundaries.

Transpennine, the pressure group, describes the area as Britain's second city-region, bigger terms, it claims, than six of the 12 countries in the European Community. With increasing European integration and the advent of the Channel tunnel, there is a danger that a fragmented north of ingly marginalised unless the region unites to project a more positive image.
However, the group's campaign

recently received a nasty shock when the Boundary Commission recommended in an interim report that the lowlands of south Humberside should revert to Lincolnshire and the economic region of East Midlands. Eight months ago, the commission rejected submissions from cam-paigners in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire who wanted the Humber restored as a natural boundary between the two counties.

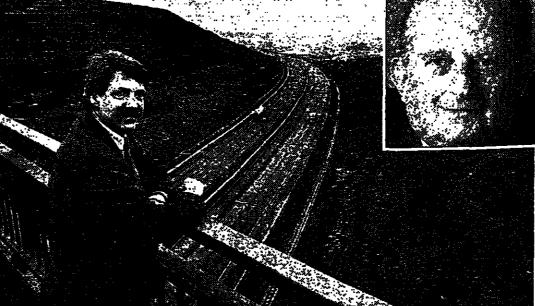
Justin Kornberg, the chairman of Transpennine, says the recommendation does not make economic sense. "If it is confirmed, we are happy to work with both sides of the Humber," he says. "Our campaign will continue. Humberside, a homogeneous economic area with tremendous potential for industrial development, is the

north's gateway to Europe." Europe and the single market are not far from the minds of those who are pushing the Transpennine idea for all they are worth and the

Manchester airport, in the west, the fastest-growing airport in Europe and the M62, virtually an all-weather link, have broken down the geographical and psychological boundary between the red and white rose counties, although there remains Whitehall's bureaucratically minded

Mr Kornberg, who is chairman of Lister & Co, a Bradford textile manufacturer, and one of the originators of the Transpennine organisation, believes that economic forces, entrepreneurial activity and pan-Europeanism will change that attitude. He says: "The EC is already thinking in terms of regions as well as countries, and Transpennine, with the potential of being one of the most dynamic regions in Europe, could superimpose itself on Whitehall thinking."

David Fletcher, the executive director of Transpennine, believes the M62 has effectively redrawn the map of northern England. Now the United Kingdom, he says, is one great motorway box with an M4 corridor in the south



Redrawing the map of the north: the M62. David Fletcher, the executive director of the Transpennine pressure group, and (inset) Justin Kornberg, the chairman, believe it is the key to economic revival

and an M8 silicon glen in the created about 18 months ago to pennine as a super-city stretching coast to coast across the north of England. It will be a manycentred, linear-spread city with a well-preserved industrial heritage of international significance and easy access to countryside and coastline. "In short," he says, "an excellent place in which to live

The Transpennine organisation,

promote the project, has the backing of private and public ies, local authorities and Communications infrastructure enterprise agencies. It works closely with established interests such as the Yorkshire and Hum-

lent, to avoid duplication of effort. The region is being built on more than engineering and mining. Its activities include financial

and inward, the northwest equiva-

services, retailing, utilities, tex-tiles, food, hotels and catering, ceramics and building.

provides the sinews of the new region. Meetings have already been held with the transport ministry and British Rail, Transpennine has lobbied for airport licences, rail electrifications, a King's Cross rail interchange and road building programmes. York-shire and Lancashire MPs have the past few years; and there is more to come. Manchester airport is ex-

panding, and is to have direct rail links to both Lancashire and Yorkshire. The transpennine reyorkshire. The transpermine re-gion has a dynamic economy, needs transport links to match and is getting them. I look forward to the transpennine transport conference*

formed an all-party Transpennin Group.

Framed by a superb country. side, the Mersey-Humber corridor could reshape and reinvigorate the industrial heartland of the north The M62 could be the road leading away from a late-20th century depression to a 21st-century economic rejuvenation.

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THE IDEA of Transpennine is partly a transplantation from New England to old England. What Justin Kornberg, the pressure group's chairman, saw in Massachusetts made him believe a similar transformation could take place in England.

He says the Boston ring road became a "flywheel" of economic activity, reviving the whole area. The M62 corridor, to follow his metaphor, could be the crankshaft enerate the north.

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The new route to revival

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Chris Haskins: "cash help"

Britain from the southeast. Mr Haskins is an interventionist, believing the revitalisation of the north cannot take place without public money. believe in planning and not just free markets", he says.

He believes the "disastrous" centralisation of deturing during the last past moved from one city down the decade. He wants power deroad, to another."

volved to the north, so that the | region can plan its road, rail and economic development.

Mr Fletcher is the former head of Manchester Polytechnic's environmental and geographical studies department. While there he sought solutions to the sterile northsouth divide disputes. He favoured latitudinal development, rather than longitudinal. The traditional view of Britain as a twin north-south axis on either side of the Pennines, linking distant regions to the capital, has perpetuated the notion of a fragmented north.

The reality is otherwise," Mr Fletcher says. "Motorways have redrawn the geography of the north and Britain as a whole. For too long northern cities and towns have individcision-making in Westminster ually taken the begging bowl and Whitehall has reinforced to Westminster, competing the process of service in- with one another for industry dustries supplanting manufac- and rejoicing if a factory

MANCHESTER airport is the fastest-growing airport in Europe and among the top 20 in the world. More than 11 million passengers passed through its doors last year.

The airport has an intrinsic role in the development of the Transpennine corridor, although the contributions of the smaller regional airports at Liverpool, Leeds-Bradford and Humberside are not overlooked

Manchester airport, served by a spur from the M56, is within a two-hour drive of 60 per cent of Britain's manufacturing industry, including electronics, pharmaceuticals, aerospace and vehicle production. The airport's growth is expected to increase. Gil Thompson, the chief executive of the airport, says: "The rising steelwork of our £600

is a physical endorsement of that confidence." Investment should double the capacity of the airport by

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regionally and nationally. Other developments include phase three of Manchester's world freight terminal, which will almost double its capacity, and a rail link to be in operation by 1993. With a growth in freight of 26.5 per cent a year since 1985, Manchester has overtaken Munich, Barcelona and Geneva as a freight airport.

At Liverpool airport, British Aerospace has completed a study to construct a purposebuilt airport to act as a hub for passengers from the United States flying to other European destinations. The airport would include a second runway, new terminal facilities, a high-speed rail link and motorway connections. The partly the result of the shortage of runway capacity in the

ities to take advantage of the

Last year Leeds-Bradford airport handled nearly 900,000 passengers, 27 per cent more than in the previous year, and made an after-tax profit of nearty £1.3 million. Most of the growth has come from scheduled operators allow it to increase that figure increasing the size of their to 500,000 passengers a year.

Humberside international airport has no night restrictions and hopes to pick up charter traffic once its 500metre runway extension has been built. The runway is too short to allow fully laden charter jets from Mediter-ranean holiday destinations to land. The number of passengers using the airport has increased from 72,000 in 1979 to 154,000 last year, but the airport authority hopes the development programme will

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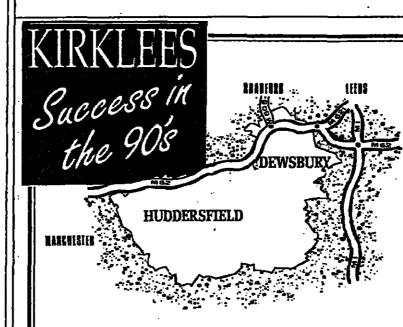
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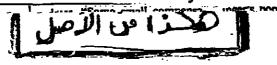
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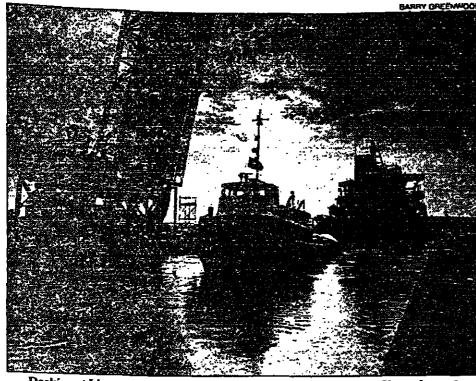


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Docking at Liverpool: the port is bracing itself for the opening of the Channel tunnel

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THE GOOD times are back of Northern Foods at Huli, a investment in new facilities for Humberside. In the past "disaster". year, the Humber estuary has grown into the UK's leading ports complex as trade with European Community countries has expanded. The ports in the estuary last year han-

Immingham, Hull, Grimsby and Goole, operated by Associated British Ports, are complemented by more than 40 independent wharfs.

and more than £500 million for foreign cars and handles and improvements, although of Volkswagens and Audis. the failure to fund the MII expansion all the way to the Humber bridge was, says Chris Haskins, the chairman

Immingham, which can take 120,000-ton ships, is Britain's busiest port in terms of cargo movement and fourth biggest in terms of cargo volume. The growth in condled a record amount of tainer and roll-on, roll-off traffic has added to its The Humber has more than business. The Fred Olsen line 100 berths. Four main ports, and the Maersk Group between them have 40 sailings a day to iceland, the Conunent and the Mediterranean.

Grimsby has successfully developed its processing in-More than £100 million has dustry and 250,000 tons of been committed by investors fish are handled every year. in the short to medium term The port is also an entry point has been spent on new roads about half of the UK's imports

The smaller ports of Hull and Goole have also grown. Hull, which handles liquid bulk cargoes, is planning

Transpennine supporters

believe the only real way to re-

lieve congestion on the M62 is

to build a new, parallel motorway. A Manchester-Sheffield

motorway is greatly favoured, to be linked with the M18

which leads to Humberside.

There is, however, a problem,

of which David Fletcher, exec-

utive director of Trans-

pennine and a countryside

commissioner, is well aware

It would mean driving a road

through the Peak national park, which would enrage

environmentalists. The nat-

ional park authority has al-

come up with a compromise.

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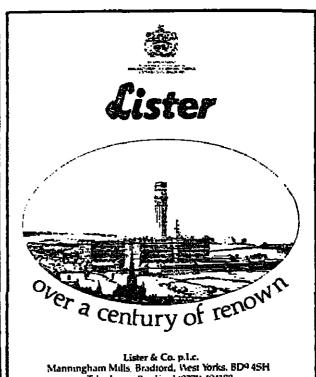
Mr Fletcher and others have

ready objected.

container terminal. Last year, Hull won parliamentary approval for an expansion plan involving the creation of three new roll-on, roll-off berths.

On the other coast, the port of Liverpool, once almost £2 million in debt, has raised productivity at Seaforth, its 600-acre freeport. Since opening in 1985, the freeport has handled almost 20 million ton. Although expectations that the port would act as a bridge between the United States and Europe have not been fulfilled, there are hopes that more trade across the Irish Sea will boost business.

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The motorway crossing the country carries many potential

benefits, but already it appears a victim of its own success

M62, already established as a main trade route in the United Kingdom, carries a higher proportion of heavy goods than the national average. Certain sections are busier than the M25, bandling 130,000 vehicles a day, and 25 per cent is freight, compared with a national motorway average of 15 per cent.

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The statistics have good and bad implications. The potential for creating a transpennine region along the motorway corndor is virtually self-evident, but there are already areas of congestion, particularly around the Manchester conurbation.

Schemes to improve traffic flows have started. Around Manchester, for example, there is a £300 million plan for a Greater Manchester western and northern relief

THE EROSION of the north's

quarters to the south.

There are signs, however.

that the tide could be turning.

Mr Haskins says the corridor

is the perfect location for what

he believes is the great British

unemployment, but a collapse have moved their head-

in confidence, which has only lately been overcome. Chris Haskins, the chairman of Northern Foods, based in Hull and the vice-chairman of Transpennine, de-

manufacturing base over the

years has meant not only a

reduction in output, and rising

Justin Kornberg, the chairnines, giving better access to man of Transpennine, would West Yorkshire for Stockport like to see the M62 developed and Manchester airport. in harmony with European this may not solve the prob-These, and other improveroad linking the M6 to the ments, however, will prob- Commission guidelines as a lems caused by the expected

many northern companies tury. Skilled and experienced from London to Chester.

labour is available for the food

industry, and American and

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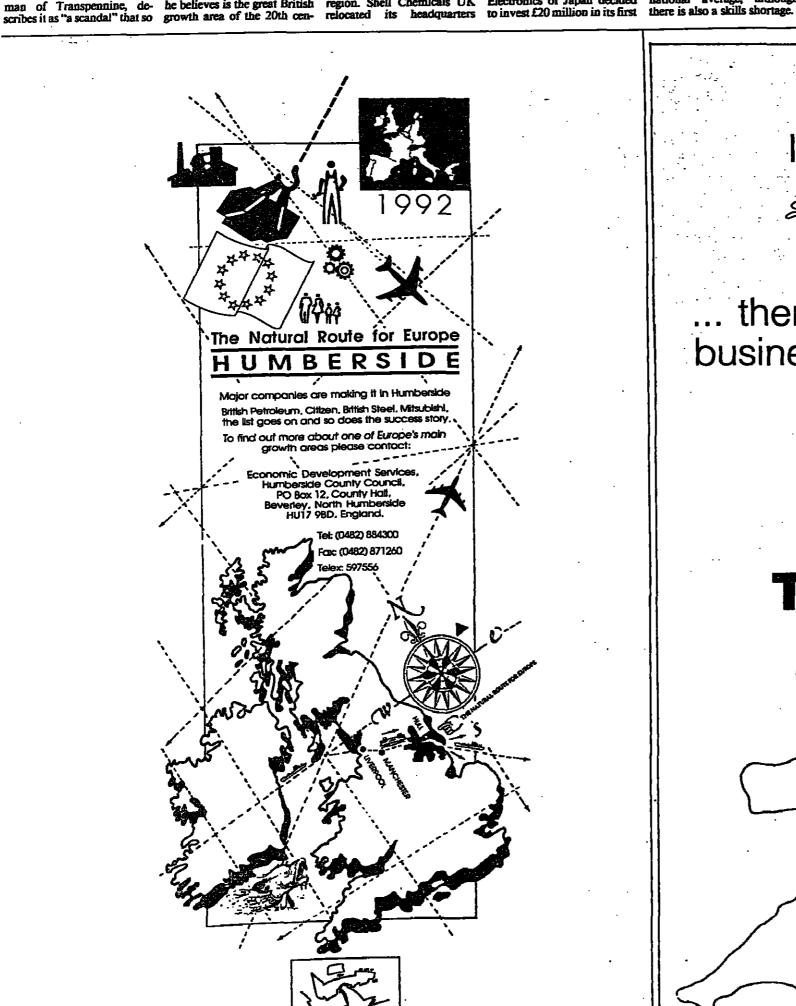
lane route from Eccles to the growth of economic dev-Vehicles would carry instruments to give warnings of traffic bold-ups and alternative routes. However, even

"electronic highway".

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re-opened and widened for road use. The cost, however, Great growth area of the century UK manufacturing plant on a 30-acre site near Castleford,

> Pilkington, at St Helens, is to build a £70 million float glass Warrington. factory. The attractions have The corridor is slowly being seen as an area of enormous included availability of land potential. Unemployment, and labour however, is higher than the Earlier this year, Pioneer Electronics of Japan decided



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Mrs Hamilton said: "People are

not moving quite so much right

now but we are looking at the

position long-term. We know the

next five years will see huge changes at all levels."

MR FRIDAY

"Of course I haven't appealed before — I've only just come round from fainting!"

CHANGES in the recruitment market, ranging from secretaries to executives, have been charted in a six-month study by Susan Hamilton, whose recruitment agency has offices in central

London and Knightsbridge. Susan Hamilton Personnel Services, of which Mrs Hamilton is managing director, recruits secretaries, graduates, language experts and catering executives and offers an executive search service.

The research was aimed at giving the company more edge in its market-place. The survey discovered that the most im-portant changes have been in the executive market and the Hamilton enterprise has used the results to form long-term policy.

Mrs Hamilton said: "We are

adjusting, probably before the

The survey weighed up the skills shortage caused by the Seventies birth-rate dip, listed the demands of executives in the Nineties and discovered developing roles for

Mrs Hamilton said: "Our survey was aimed at finding what employees expected in the next five years. They wanted language training and new technology. Training was terribly important. People also wanted fringe benefits

"Younger people were looking at prospects and growth potential. The young particularly are becom-

ing more demanding."
She added: "We did a lot of studies of women. We found high-

Recruitment study | Clocking up a career change

By DAVID THURLOW

IN THE highest inhabited house in England, an 18th century former vicarage in the north Pennines, John and Eileen Roe run their They have had their share of

powered women coming back into problems but are looking forward the market and for them retraining to their least fretful Christmas for was necessary. Companies must several years, now that their realise women are going to be company is on its feet. They must introduce flexitime,

The Roes mainly repair and store old clocks but will also job-sharing, refresher courses and tackle guns, musical boxes and phonographs with tender, loving other means of encouraging care after which their company, Hamilton McGill Associates, a new division of Susan Hamilton TLC Restoration, is named.

The remote property, which has a view of Hadrian's Wall, has its own generator and water is sup-

plied by a spring.
TLC is the end product of Mr Roe's battle against ill-health and a law over common land registration, which caused the family

three years of worry.

Mr Roe, aged 50, previously had a successful career as a garage manager. He worked in the Buxton area of Derbyshire for a big company. But twelve years ago he began to suffer ill health and went into insurance, selling in Derbyshire. After two years, he and his wife went house-hunting because they wanted to live in what they called "the real countryside". They found the old vicarage, 1,765 ft above sea level, at Coalcleugh, Northumberland.

Mr Roe planned to add another nsurance agency to the one he had but the recession of 1979 scuppered that plan. He continued with the remaining business until three years ago when ill-health forced him to cut down on driving, which was vital to his

Fortunately, his hobby was



Taking time for repairs: John Roe performs his restoration work with tender, loving care

shooting and repairing guns. He learned to repair clocks from a gun engraver whose hobby it was and from a clock restorer. His former nobby then became his business.

Mr and Mrs Roe intended to sell their home to raise capital for the new enterprise but they fell foul of a national row over the registration of common land, which ended up being debated in Parliament. Their home had been registered wrongly as standing on common land long before they bought it. Although the mistake had been accidental, it resulted in three difficult years, during which

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the Roes lived on social security. When the matter was cleared up, 18 months ago, Mr Roe formed his business

He szid: "We were very doubtful about success because we were so under-capitalised."

Mr Roe was given £40 a week by the enterprise allowance scheme. Fortunately, he already had the £15,000-worth of tools he needed. Mrs Roe took on the book-keeping and some of the finishing work. The first year produced cus-

mers but the company made a £6 loss. However, TLC Restoration was beginning to be known

for the quality of its work and follow-up service.
Mr Roe said: "I realised that to

break even in any business in the first year is good. Things were starting to take hold and we still had a few family heirlooms we could sell, if necessary."

Business is now much better, as entisfied customers tell others about the company. As they go into the second half of their second year, the future looks reasonable.

Mr Roe said: "At the moment we are making a living and surviving.

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B BDO Binder Hamlyn, the chartered accountant, has produced a useful aide-mémoire to help small businesses arm themselves against recession. The publication covers ways to reduce costs and working capital through cutback proce-dures and checklists and looks at improvements to stock control and cash management. Copies of Surviving the Recession are free from C H Brown, BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey, London

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The dark clouds of winter have a silver lining, at least for the few remaining car buyers with money to spend as the recession deepens. As the market in new cars coughs and splutters its way to the end of a miserable year, sales of used vehicles are depressed, and the demand for classic cars, which last year brought good cheer and top prices, has gone flat.

Bankruptcies approaching record levels and company belt-tightening have killed off thousands of orders from the kind of buyers who helped to fuel the boom last year, ordering office cars and buying classics as

The keys to company cars are being handed in by the dozens, sending a flood of nearly-new vehicles into the auctions and used car lots as receivers try to retrieve some money for creditors.

The good news, however, is that buyers who are not struggling with huge mortgages or high interest rates can pick up some remarkable deals. For the price of a sales representative's runabout you could invest in the luxury of a car

just like the managing director's. Bargains galore are standing in line on garage forecourts and in auction houses. New car sales are clearly at their weakest. Sales for 1990 are down by 12 per cent on last year and show little prospect of improving in December, traditionally one of the poorest months of the year.

Discounts, special equipment offers and cheap finance have been in evidence throughout the year and will increase in the next two months as manufacturers try to revive their wilting order books. CAP Black Book, one of the key registers of used car prices, says Fancy an executive saloon, classic car or even a nostalgic Trabant (right)? Now is the time

to buy a real bargain, thanks to the recession, says Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

this month that large numbers of cheap executive and prestige models are reaching the market-place book says receivers are accepting low bids to get rid of ex-company cars, but that is helping to depress the prices of all vehicles, new and old, going on sale. The book warns: "Directors' and staff cars

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appear to be greatly undervalued."
That means buyers who want a large car but cannot afford showas a result of bankruptcies. The room prices can look around for an executive limousine car for the price of a new basic saloon. For example, 1989-model Ford Granadas, favourites with company managers, were on offer this week at about £9,000, well below the



Historic buy: a Trabant that survived revolution to raise funds

£11,000 or £12,000 they were fetching earlier in the year.

Even the auction houses have taken on an air of desperation. Last year, Britain's rising class of entrepreneurs were outbidding one another for "investment cars", including Ferraris, Aston Martins and Rolls-Royces. Now

cheque books. Robert Dawkins, the car specialist at Phillips, the London auction house, says collectors' cars are being put under the hammer by owners trying to retrieve some cash from their dwindling assets. "The market has reached its bottom, so it is hard to go any lower. This is the time to buy if there is anyone looking for a

One car will add substantially to its value, no matter what the state of the market, when it goes to auction tomorrow. Phillips is selling a Trabant, now one of the most infamous cars in the world, at its sale room at Salem Road, Bayswater, west London, on be-half of the RAF Benevolent Fund.

ast German "Trabbies" have acquired a soft spot, in the affections of Westin the affections of Western motorists, mainly because, unlike the unlucky owners in the old GDR, we have not

Apart from the chance to own this little piece of motoring his-tory, the car also comes with a 40page log book showing all eight previous owners, Phillips says it has 91,000 miles on the clock.

A 22-year-old East Berlin waitress paid 12,000 Ostmarks for this two-cylinder, plastic-bodied run-about, the equivalent of two years salary. As soon as the Berlin Wall fell, she sold it to an RAF officer to acquire the car of her dreams, an

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France into top gear

The European Car of the Year is the Renault Clio, the replacement for the French company's popular 5-series mini-car. The Clio won 312 points from the 58 jurors in 17 countries ahead of strong entrants from Japan and Britain. Neither the Ford Escort nor the Rover Metro featured, although Nissan's Primera mid-range model, built at Washington, Tyne & Wear, was second with 258 points and judges put the Vauxhall Calibra and its futuristic lines in third spot with 183. Mazda's MX-5 was joint fourth with the Peugeot 605, and the Toyota Previa was sixth. Nissan was not dismayed by the Enro vote as its Primera picked up its third national award this month. Finland is the latest nation to vote the Washington-built Primera as its car of the year.

Ring of confidence

A message to frustrated cellphone users hanging on: put the handset down for a moment. The Federation of Communication Services says a quarter of cases of bad reception are due to faulty or poorly sited acrials. The federation is setting antenna specifications conforming to the Land Mobile Radio Quality Assurance Scheme. Look out for federation membership before fitting a car

It's a crime

The British Vehicle and Rental Leasing Association is looking for better vehicle security before its annual anti-theft awards early next year. The association, Brit-ain's most influentual fleet car organisation, was unable to make the award last year because no manufacturer had done enough to prevent car crime, which costs £1 billion annually. The judging nanel has sent out an ominous warning that it will expect substantial improvements when it

Hot on the trail

The abilities of Land-Rover's new Discovery 4x4 vehicle are being recognised by the police. The Dyfed Powys constabulary has taken delivery of the 2.5-litre turbo-charged diesel Discovery to patrol the largest police area in England and Wales.

Calling Elvis

Find out the best bid for the number-plate ELV 1S live today by telephoning a linkline to Chris-

tie's sale room in South Kensington, London. No bids will be taken from listeners, although they will be able to hear the auction by dialling 0839 500379 or 0898 500379. Another number of interest to Presley fans is G1 BLU, recalling the 1960 movie G.I. Blues. Also on sale: D1 SCO.

Still rising

The rise and rise of the Japanese in the United States, mainly through increased production from transplant factories there, is hitting the big three manufacturers, Ford. Chrysler and General Motors. Between them they have closed 14 assembly plants and laid off 40,000 workers. Meanwhile, Honda confirms that the Accord is the best-selling car in the US and the Japanese are taking about 35 per cent of the market.

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Sear the Volkswagen-owned Spanish manufacturer, is raising prices by up to 5 per cent this month. The base model Marbella 850 will be £4,240 and the top-of-the-range Ibiza 1.5 SXi £9,299.

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Volvo has faced huge em-barrassment over a television advertisement in the United States showing a "monster truck" crushing a line of cars except for a Volvo 240. The advertising company later admitted reinforcing the Volvo and gave up the \$40 million account. The repercussions have rippled throughout the US, but Volvo sales are so far

Superpumps

Motorists looking for cheap petrol should go to their local supermarket. The Automobile Association says drivers can save about 12p a gallon at supermarket drivein stations. The four-star price is about 203p a gallon compared with 215p elsewhere.

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DRIVING on the crowded streets of a town or city can be both tiring and uneconomical. Forcing the car up and down through the gears means dozens of pushes on the chitch, causing excessive wear and expensive maintenance.

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boxes is enjoying a revival of interest. A.P. Borg & Beck, the component manufacturer at Leamington Spa. Warwickshire, has devised a "clutchless" gear-box, which could be fitted to massproduced vehicles within the next

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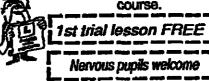
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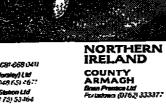
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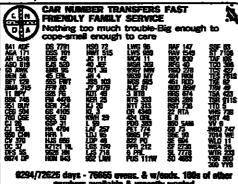
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Political balance of school governors lawful

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Russell and Another re-appointed as a governor and re-appointed as a governor and functions as governors with skill Before Lord Justice Mustill, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice McCowan [Judgment November 30]

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Following local authority elec-tions, council appointed school governors could, under the provisions of section 8(5) of the Education (No 2) Act 1986, face re-appointment or replacement so as to ensure that the number of governors nominated by each political party stayed in proporpolitical party stayed in proportion with the representation of and Mr Michael Bedford for the those parties on the council.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing appeals by two gov-ernors, Mrs Jill Dill-Russell and Mr Richard Cheney, from the refusal by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Legeatt and Mr Justice Nolan)
(The Times July 5) of their applications for judicial review of decisions of Warwickshire of decisions of Warwickshire
County Council that (i) all local
education authority governors
of county and special schools be

Before Mr Justice Morritt

[Judgment November 23]

The court had no jurisdiction to

sanction a scheme under section 49 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 for the transfer of long-

term insurance business wherever carried out, but could sanction that part of the scheme that was confined to insurance

business conducted in the United Kingdom.

Mr Justice Morritt so held in a

reserved judgment in the Chan-

cery Division on a petition by Eagle Star Insurance Co Ltd

A reservation of title clause in the standard conditions of sale

of a German company relating to goods supplied to an English

company, which had gone into liquidation, was held void as

against the liquidator in so far as

it related to book debts owed to

the company by purchasers of

The clause, governed by German law, purported to assign the

book debts to the German company, but because it con-

stituted a charge over the book

debts it was registrable under section 395 of the Companies

Act 1985, and had not been registered and was therefore void against the liquidator.

re-appointed as a governor and would be replaced and (iii) the decision whether to re-appoint

Section 8 of the 1986 Act provides: "Any foundation gov-ernor of a voluntary school, or governor of a county, voluntary or maintained special school appointed otherwise than by being co-opted, may be re-moved from office by the person or persons who appointed him."

applicants: Mr Patrick Elias QC and Mr Alan Wilkie for the

LORD JUSTICE MUSTILL said that argeed with the Di-Mrs Dill-Russell had been reappointed a governor of the Marie Corelli Special School in September 1988 as one of the

Jurisdiction to sanction part of

insurance transfer scheme

long-term business carried on by Insurance to Eagle Star Life Assurance Co Ltd ("Life") which provided for the transfer of that part of such business

which was carried on in the UK.

and for certain ancillary orders under section 50 of the 1982 Act for the implementation of that

The petition was opposed by Mr Ralph Instone, a general policy holder with Insurance

and a shareholder in its ultimate

in the Chancery Division on October 29 in giving judgment on an application by the liq-uidator of Weldtech Equipment

HIS LORDSHIP said that it

was clear that section 395 applied to all charges created by companies registered in Eng-

proper law of the instrument which created the charge. The

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Eagle Star Insurance Co Ltd Mr Richard Sykes, QC and ("Insurance") for an order Mr David Mabb for Insurance

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In re Weldtech Equipment Ltd Mr Justice Hoffmann so held

or replace Mr Cheney would be the council elections in May deferred. distribution of seats. That meant that according to the political weighting system the Social and Liberal Democratic party, who had nominated the two applicants, was thereafter

epresented The essence of the applicants' challenge was that the removal of governors to reflect the new political weighting was unlawful because a governor, once ap-pointed, could be removed under section 8(5) only on rational grounds connected with their performance as governors. To remove them for purely political reasons was not a legitimate exercise of that

The arguments for and against that proposition were dominated by the House of Lords' decision in Inner London Education Authority v Brunyate ([1989] 1 WLR 542).

The application was opposed on the ground that the court had

otherwise ambiguous, had no application at all to schemes

under which long-term business carried on outside the United

Kingdom was to be transferred.

It followed that the court had no

jurisdiction to sanction the whole of the scheme. Mr Instone submitted that the

heme contained no severable

being sanctioned by the court. His Lordship did not agree.

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Applying the principles laid down in that case, it was accepted that the sole remaining question was whether the applicants were right in their sure of party discipline.

proposition that "once a governor is appointed the political composition of the council and the political views and affiliations of the governor cease to be relevant' The Divisional Court had held that that proposition was

not right. Lord Justice Leggatt said that it had to be acknowledged that at the stage of appointment or re-appointment party political considerations can legitimately operate" and that the action of the council was a "legitimate purpose con-nected with the proper conduct by the local education authority of its functions in the interests of ensuring that the governors are directly representative of and reflect the political persuasions of the councillors for the time

Those pronouncements were not inconsistent with the Brunyate decision. Brunyate was concerned with the usurpation of the governors' indepen-dence by appointers who wished them to toe the party line and who removed them as a mea-

Nothing of the kind was here involved. The applicants were simply the casualties of an agreed scheme of political weighting. Although Brunyate had laid down principles of great importance regarding the relationships between local authorities and the governors of schools, those principles did not bear on the present case.

There was sympathy for the applicants who, after a period of loyal, and successful service, niously hounded out. Neverthelesss, that sympathy could not be translated into a conclusion that the council acted outside its powers in doing what it did.

Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice McCowan gave concurring judgments. Solicitors: Bates Wells & Braithwaite; Mr D. G. Carter,

Preferred law reports for citation

and Life; Mr Ralph Instone in Practice Direction (Law Reports: Citation)

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MR JUSTICE MORRITT said that the object of the application was to prepare for the single European market in As a general rule, law reports containing counsel's argument should be cited in argument in 1992 by separating the long-term business from the general business of Insurance and vest-ing it in Life. The long-term business carried on substantially in the LIK but also in the Like of preference to other reports, Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Mas-ter of the Rolls, stated in a practice direction delivered on

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that in the Court of the UK, but also in the Isle of Man, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Malta, Jersey, Guernsey and The Netherlands. Appeal, as in the House of Lords (see Bray v Best ([1989] 1 WLR 167, 169)) the general rule was that the Law Reports published by the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting for England and Wales should be cited in preference to other reports, where there was a choice.

on the ground that the court had no jurisdiction to sanction part only of the scheme.

The point depended on the proper construction of sections 49 and 50 of the 1982 Act. In his Lordship's judgment it was plain from the legislative history that sections 49 and 50, if otherwise ambiguous had no Where counsel considered it appropriate to cite other reports, they should be prepared to give the court the references to the

The reason for that general rule was that although other series of reports often provided a useful service (in particular by reporting cases not to be found elsewhere), they did not usually contain the arguments of counsel and they might also be less readily available to the court.

Counsel were reminded that lists of authorities (including textbooks) to which they wished to refer should be delivered to the Head Usher's office not later than 5.30pm on the working day before the day when the bearing of the application or appeal was due to commence (see *The Supreme Court Practice 1991* volume 1, p884).

Counsel should seek confirmation that an adequate number of copies was available for the use of the court, and, if that was not the case, should themselves provide an appro-priate number of photocopies.

Service outside the jurisdiction

part or parts which could be identified as a scheme capable of Company Ltd v Jubilee Insurance Company Ltd Order 11, rule 1(1)(d)(ii) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, He could see no reason why a scheme which proposed the transfer of all long-term busioutside the jurisdiction, applied only where "the principal trading or residing out of the jurisdiction" was the defendant, Police of the Metropolis (The jurisdiction" was the defendant, Police of the Metropolis (The jurisdiction) was the defendant, Police of the Metropolis (The jurisdiction) was the defendant, Police of the Metropolis (The jurisdiction) was the defendant, Police of the Metropolis (The jurisdiction) was the defendant, Police of the Metropolis (The jurisdiction) was the defendant police of the jurisdiction where the jurisdiction was the jurisdiction of the jurisdiction was the jurisdiction of the jurisdiction of the jurisdiction was the jurisdiction of the juris

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Mr Justice Phillips so held in the Commercial Court of the Metropolis (The Mr December S) all references to the 1984 Act are the Commercial Court of the Criminal Evidence Act 1984.

European Law Report

Luxembourg

Trade mark protection is not restraint of trade

Case C-10/89

Before O. Due, President and Judges T. F. O'Higgins, J. C. Moinnho da Almeida, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, M. Diez de Velasco, Sir Gordon Slynn, C.

N. Kakouris, R. Joliet, F. A. Schockweiler, F. Grevisse and M. Zuleeg Advocate General F. G. Jacobs (Opinion March 13, 1990) [Judgment October 17]

Where a trade mark had originally been owned by a single sequently been acquired by an entirely unrelated undertaking without the consent of the former, each of the holders of the trade mark might oppose the importation and distribution, in the member state where the mark was held, of products produced by the other trade mark holder in the case of similar products bearing an identical or confusingly similar

trade mark. The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in answering questions put to it by the German Bundesgerichtshof (Federal Court of Justice) for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EEC Treaty. Hag GF AG was a German

company founded in 1906 and it produced and distributed decaffeinated coffee according to the process which it had

In 1908 it had two trade marks registered in Belgium under the name "Kaffee Hag". In 1927 it established a subsidiary company in Belgium trad-ing as "Cafe Hag SA" which was wholly owned and controlled by it. The latter had registered at least two trade marks, one of which related to the mark "Cafe Hag". In 1935 Hag GF AG had also transferred to the Belgian subsidiary the marks which it had registered in its own name

in Belgium.

In 1944 Cafe Hag SA was sequestrated as being enemy property. Subsequently the Belgian authorities sold the company to the Van Oevelen family. In 1971, Cafe Hag SA transferred the marks which it held in Benefux to Van Zuylen Frères, a firm based in Liège. Van Zaylen was later transformed into a company trading as SA CNL-Sucal NV.

In 1985 Sucal began to supply decaffeinated coffee under the "Hag" trade mark to the German market.

Hag GF AG, which main-tained that "Kaffee Hag" had acquired the status of a famous brand in Germany and that its product was, by virtue of a new manufacturing process, superior in quality to the coffee supplied by Sucal, brought proceedings in the German courts for an

SA CNL-Sucal NV v Hag GF hof referred a number of ques- another member state, under an preliminary ruling.

Court of Justice held: The national court sought essentially to establish whether articles 30 and 36 of the EEC Treaty prevented national legproducts which, in the latter state had a trade mark which

which the disputed products had been imported had orig-inally belonged to a subsidiary of the undertaking which was trying to prevent the imports and had been acquired by a third undertaking following the expropriation of that subsidiary. In the light of the reasoning given in the order making the reference and the arguments before the Court relating to the relevance of the Court's judg-ment in Case 192/73 Van Zuylen v Hag ([1974] ECR 731), the Court considered it nec-

similar to the protected mark, even where the mark under

gradually developed in the field of the relationship between industrial and commercial prop erty and the general rules of the Treaty, in particular in the area of free movement of goods.

essary to review the interpreta-

tion given in that judgment in

the light of case-law which had

an essential element in a system of competition without distor-tion which the Treaty sought to establish and maintain. In such a system, undertakings had to be able to develop consumer loy-alty through the quality of their products or services, which was only possible by reason of the existence of distinctive signs enabling those products and services to be identified.

A specific purpose of trade mark law was to guarantee to the holder the right to use the mark for the first introduction of the thereby to protect it against competitors which might wish to abuse its position and reput-ation by selling products unlaw-

fully carrying the mark.

In order to determine the exact scope of that exclusive right it was necessary to take into account the essential purpose of a trade mark which was to mark the consumers the o guarantee to consumers the dentity of origin of the product bearing the mark by enabling him to distinguish without difficulty that product from those having another origin.

In applying those considerations to situations such as gerichtshof, the determining fact was the absence of any element of consent on the part of the injunction restraining Sucal from infringing its trade mark. On appeal the Bundesgerichts-

tions to the Court of Justice for a identical or confusingly similar mark of a similar product In its judgment the European manufactured by an undertakeconomic ties with that trade

In those circumstances the Treaty prevented national many islation from allowing an undertaking which held a trade mark holder of the right could not avail himself of the possibility opposing the importation from another member state of similar products which, in the latter similar products under a description which might lead to confusion with his own mark because, in such circumstances, consumers would not be able to identify clearly the origin of the product bearing the mark and the holder of the right might have attributed to him the poor quality of a product for which he would be in no way responsible.

That approach could not be affected by the fact that the mark protected by national legislation and the similar mark borne by the imported product pursuant to the legislation of the member state of origin had belonged initially to the same holder who had been disposessed of one of the marks following an expropriation carried out by one of the two states prior to the creation of the Community.

From the time of the expro-priation, and the despite their common origin, each of the marks had independently fulfilled in its own territorial area the function of guaranteeing that products bearing the mark derived from a single source.

It followed that, in a situation such as in the present case, where the mark had originally had a single proprietor and where that unity of holder had been broken following an expropriation, each of the holders of the mark had to be able to oppose the importation and distribution, in the member state where the mark was held, of products deriving from the other holder where they con-cerned similar goods bearing an identical or confusingly similar trade mark.

On those grounds, the European Court ruled:

Articles 30 and 36 of the EEC Treaty did not prevent national legislation from allowing an undertaking which was the proprietor of a trade mark in one member state, from opposing the import from another member state of similar goods lawfully bearing an identical or confusingly similar trade mark to the protected mark, even though the mark under which the disputed product had been imported had initially belonged to a subsidiary of the undertaking which was opposing the importations and had been acquired by a third undertaking following the expropriation of that subsidiary.

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When a horse bites the hand that feeds it

THE "racing industry", they call it. Well, if racing is an industry, it is an extremely peculiar one. The Zetland report demonstrates that racing is heading for financial disaster. Half the trainers are thinking hard about getting out of

Racehorses are the canaries down the mine: they are hypersensitive to the poisonous atmosphere of recession. When we feel a pinch, racing feels a crunch. More and more owners are reducing their commitments: a racehorse is, after all, a fairly obvious area of personal economy.

Racehorses have always pro-vided a finely honed method of losing money but never have the figures been as daunting. The report shows that owners lose 80 SIMON BARNES

per cent of their operating costs they get a mere 20 per cent of their outlay back in prize-money. Many owners never do anything like as

Racing has enjoyed some good years. Owners and owning syndicates rushed to enjoy the fun and prestige of owning a racehorse. Now the dilettantes are backing out and the long-term lovers of the game are cutting down. Such is life: such is

the boom years? Why hasn't racing got a nice financial hump, like a camel, for these arid times? It seems impossible that racing has not made the money to keep going in the manner to which it has been accustomed, for racing is an industry that has the unusual distinction of being subsidised by its major shareholders and by its

Owners are in the game for love and glory. And so are most of the stable lads. Racing and horses cater for an addiction to the switchback ride of victory and disappointment. Lads are highly skilled people, as anyone who has ridden an oated-up thoroughbred will confirm. They work long hours but the satisfacthey start families. They cannot afford to stay in racing: the pay is

All lads are subsidising the sport by their acceptance of this, but lads with families who stay in racing are subsidising the industry as much as an oil sheikh.

Racing has an enormous amount going for it. Any "in-dustry" whose shareholders come in expecting to lose money and are quite willing to do so, and with workers prepared to do all the tough, dangerous and dirty work for buttons, is clearly on a good

But racing is still in trouble. For

desperate state?

The reasons go back into pre-history and it is far too late to alter them now. Too much of racing's money has gone into the bookmaking industry. Here the word "industry" can be understood in a more conventional way.

Racing is, in fact, the only industry that appears to have been run for years entirely for the benefit of another industry. Owners and lads have, in their various ways, subsidised racing while bookmakers have made money.

A Tote monopoly, in which much of the money bet on racing

a long time ago.

put itself over as a dynamic and attractive organisation. It has always managed to look like a poor relation to the bookies: the

less attractive option.

Meanwhile, the bookies are less buoyant themselves these days, even though the industries that traditionally do best in a slump are brewing and betting. The bookies are not likely to be over-enthusiastic about offering a further whack to the Levy Board, or working more closely with the Tote, as

Zetland suggests.
It is said that these hard times will force the industry to become leaner and harder and to get rid of dead wood and bad horses. Bad horses is a concept I cannot admit:

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This was more than ever

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Antonio Samaranch, the

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mended that the Varna meet-

ing should be the last one

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practical answers to the many

problems. Each country.

Samaranch suggested, must

find its own solution to the

Nikolai Rusak, the USSR

minister for sport, expressed

concern on three fronts: the

demand of the Baltic states

and of Georgia for indepen-

dence; the commercialisation

of sport and market forces;

and the movement of athletes

from country to country with

would continue to field only

one team in international

competitions. However, he

opened the possiblity of ath-

letes from western Soviet re-

gions taking part in European

events and from the east, in

Asian championships. It is

unlikely that international

federations would tolerate this

proposition: and this will

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goodwill, is the industry in such a But British racing lost that chance but certainly owners and trainers have gone into the business with The Tote has never managed to unrealistic expectations. Be sure the slump shall find these out.

The point is that racing really should not be in such a state, People are in the game for love: they are willing to dedicate their lives to horse and to hazard. People have been flinging money and time and skills at racehorses for years.

It is sad that the racing "industry" has not been able to make more of this. Racing cannot carry on like this. More trainers, owners and lads will leave the industry: there will be fewer yards, fewer meetings, fewer courses and fewer horses. Either that or a revolution: but that has never been racing's

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that western countries were

literally buying athletes from

ironic example is that of two

medal-winning Bulgarian weightlifters, who remained

behind in Budapest following

the recent world champion-

ships. Old communist

Hungary and Czecho-

Committees and with the

demarcations are confused.

POLITICS IN SPORT

The fall of empire

followed by an

outflow of talent

GOLF

Faldo and Norman make little impact

MELBOURNE (Reuter) — The world's two leading players, Greg Norman and Nick Faldo, found themselves upstaged by unheralded rivals in the opening round of the Australian Classic

here yesterday. While Norman and Faldo had trouble coping with Royal Mel-bourne's fast greens - scoring 71 and 72 respectively - Chris Patton, of the United States, and the New Zealander, Simon Owen, both returned cards of 67, four under par, to share the

Faido made a promising start and was one under at the turn as the result of a birdie three at the third. But he found the bushes at the dog-legged 11th and took six, dropping two strokes. Some poor putting on undulating greens at the 15th and 16th sent him tumbling to three over.

Then, having stalked away from the 16th while his playing partner, Colin Montgomerie, was still on the green, Faldo regained his composure to finish with two birdies for a 72.

Norman spent most of his round in the shadow of his partners. Peter Senior, of Australia, who birdied the first three holes before slipping back to even par, and the American John Morse, who won last week's Australian Open. Morse was three under by the

fifth and lipped the cup with several further birdle attempts before two dropped shots late in the round pulled him back to 70. Owen, playing behind Norman, was far from disheartened at seeing the crowds constantly melt away as he approached tees and greens. He went round without a bogey and had four

birdies in the first 12 holes. Owen, who will celebrate his fortieth birthday on Monday, said he owed his improvement Peter, a male nurse who lives in Melbourne and acts as his part-

While Owen plays regularly on this heavily bunkered course, Patton marked his first visit with and up-and-down round. The 1989 US amateur champion three-putted his first two holes and said: "I usually figure that to do well you need a good opening six holes. At that stage was one over, so I was pleased to effect for he repaired the damage caused by those two early dropped shots by scoring aix

The US PGA champion Wayne Grady, disappointed his home gallery with a 74, dropping four shots on the inward

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES: (Australian unless otherwise stated): 67: S Owen (R.2), C Pation (US): 68: R Zokol (Can), K Dukes, P O'Manley, J Kay (US). 68: B Fabyan (US), V Singh (Fill), G Turner (NZ), D Milovic. 70: J O'Neal (US), G Hiertsteet (Swe), B King, B Lane (GB), R Floyd (US), M Harwood, T Price, G Joyner, J Cafford, P McWhitmey, R Davis, G Waite (NZ), J Morse (US), A Peinter, N Ratcitle. 71: D Ecob. R Mackay, M Clayton, P Fowler, M Lane (NZ), J Power, G Sertian, C Montgomerie (GB), G Norman, P Serxor, D DeLong (US), K Tithrible, 72: I Baker-Finch, N Falcho (GB).

• ONNASON, Japan: Hsih Min-nan and T M Chen, of Taiwan, and Teruo Sugihara and Katsuji Hasegawa, of Japan; LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES

and Katsuji Hasegawa, of Japan, had rounds of 67 to share the first-round lead in the £400,000

Daikyo Open here (AP reports).
Sugihara finished strongly by scoring four birdies in the last six holes on a course measuring

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all their love of it, more and more stays in racing, gives owners in, owners, lads and trainers are talking about getting out of the sport. How come, with all this prize-money is worth racing for. Trainers are getting out as well, according to Zetland. What has happened to all the money from many of the best ones leave when

Punching his way out of a bag of troubles is one man's recipe for happiness The ghosts that stalk Tyson

BOXING CORRESPONDENT

AS MIKE Tyson goes through the final phase of preparation to meet Alex Stewart here tomorrow, it becomes more and more clear that the former world heavyweight champion is missing the ordered life his old team of Jim Jacobs and Bill Cayton, his managers, and Kevin Rooney, his trainer, gave him.

The new organisation of Don King, which stepped in to advise him after the death of Jacobs followed by Tyson's estrangement from Cayton and the dismissal of Rooney, cannot fill the gap that three

Rooney particularly was a solid link with the world of Cus D'Amato that still means so much to Tyson. "I miss Cus deeply, especially when I'm running, but I feel his presence. That's our time together," he said. Perhaps he misses his old guardian and mentor even more now that he has lost his world title.

Some months ago Tyson received 48 stitches under the right eyebrow because of wild sparring with Greg Page. While one cannot say it would not have happened under Rooney, it appears symp-tomatic of problems in his

Tyson puts on a brave front when talking about defeat by James "Buster" Douglas last February but from his behaviour before the press and public he does not seem a happy man despite being full of his 11-month-old boy,

Daily News, recently he rationalised his defeat. "Paul Pender beat Sugar Ray Robinson twice. Shut him out. Made him look bad, stupid. Does anybody today say Paul Pender was a better fighter than Robinson? Hey, life goes on. Things happen. Things might happen again."

Tyson's training sessions



lectern or a desk between him and the journalists. Whereas in the old days he talked at length, now it is no more than a grudging five to ten minutes with a little eye contact with the group at large, then a sudden "I gotta get out of here,

When talking to Stan year," he says. "I am a Hochman, of the Philadelphia different person now than when I was 20. When I was 21, I found out how much of an idiot I was at 20. When I was 22, I realised how dumb I was at 21; when I was 23, I couldn't believe how dumb I an imbecile I was at 23."

His unbending attitude could also have something to are marred by a lack of rapport do with the "shock horror" with the public and the press stories that never stop I'm gallivanting at a party. said. "Everyone had a title. I

seems to be more than a where, like dirty jokes. Who starts them? Is it someone's idea of spreading disinformation? Or is it the old story of no smoke without a boxing camp fire? Michael Marley, in the New

York Post, reports stories of Tyson running away from a dog after I die." complaining about He claims his change of being unable to dip into a trust of skills or a lack of commu- of the WBCl, the most noble attitude is due to growing up. fund that is closed until he is nication, King does not seem and honest guy in boxing."
"You have to mature every 30 and rows with King over to be able, unlike Jacobs, King Misquoting from Shakelegal bills.

John Horne, King's camp co-ordinator, said: "They are absolutely false and untrue. Mike took off Friday because he wanted to. We all left for the weekend and we picked up Mike when we returned. Mike had been at 22, and at 24, I is not unhappy about any-cision to strip Evander walked away from him. look back at 23 and say what thing. He's bored as hell. He's Holyfield of the world heavy- It is as well that Tyson been totally bored."

Tyson replied: "People are gonna write what they gonna write about me. They will say

and at question time there emanating from no one knows. They will say they saw me unified it once and I will unify outside in a Ferrari with a it again."

> blonde girl. Charlie Parker, and Dizzy Gillespie said to him: 'When you die, they are still going to talk about you. I thought they'll be talking about me like

him free, as he needs to be, of of boxing.

weight title if he did not first was as exchangeable as flashlight batteries before," Tyson

Even as Tyson was leaving

"I saw this movie about the press conference to go back to his dressing-room, King was shouting odds on the WBC's move. It was a bit like Speakers' Corner in Hyde Park as King bawled out his support for "the honourable Whether it is because of lack Jose Sulaiman [the president

and Rooney, to protect Tyson speare, the Bible and even from such stories or to keep calling up John Stuart Mill, King proceeded with his case the daily cares of the politics against the so-called trickeration, to use a King It was depressing to hear invention, of Dan Duva, who Tyson agreeing with the controls Holyfield. He was World Boxing Council's destill shouting as his listeners

It is as well that Tyson was born with a knockout punch defend against him. "The title in both hands. On the night his hands will do the talking. They should see him through to happier times.

apparent at the annual meeting of the sports leaders of socialist countries at Varna, Bulgaria, last week. Dr Georgi

slovakia, where the economy is relatively stable and successful, were two countries presenting an optimistic fore-Hristov, president of the Union of Fiscal Education cast. Rezho Galov, head of the Hungarian department of PE, and Culture in the host counsaid that the government has a try, revealed that the Bulgarsports budget for 1991. The ian government had no budget Hungarian delegation echoed for sport in 1991, and that the Samaranch's doubts about the ministry for sport was almost value of future meetings, saying they felt a closer identificatotally dependent on a substantial sum that was to tion with the Association of have been paid by the former European National Olympic

for high-altitude training facil-Council of Europe. Vera Caslavska, a famous It is not known whether this Olympian who is the new contract will be honoured leader of Czechoslovak sport. under the unified German has initiated ambitious sports organisation. Just one developments, Pavel Klapusz, more of the multiple responthe secretary of the sports sibilities and debts that are confederation, said that thrivfalling upon the economy of ing specialist seminars rewestern Germany.

flected a mood of confidence. Dr Hristov and Ivan Slavand economic status of the kov, the IOC member for socialist countries that Juan Bulgaria, were, like Romania. pessimistic about the continabroad, and suggested that international sederations should do something to limit this movement.

Cuba, whose influence in the communist world declines in parallel with the political contraction of that ideology, is seeking to maintain a European presence with the proposed launch of the European Olympic Hopes Contest, for competitors a year younger than the age limit for current European junior championships. Cuba's preparation for the Pan-American games in August next year are progressing satisfactorily in spite of Rusak stressed, perhaps ambiguously, that the USSR controversy over the contract

for US television rights. Efforts continue in the unification of sports teams between North and South Korea. Friendship at this year's Asian games was unambiguous, though on the part of spectators from the North it was very much according to official prescription. The two countries are discussing the possibility of a single team in 1991, beginning with the world table tennis championships in Japan, and possibly even the Olympic Games in nian sports minister, claimed 1992.

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RUGBY UNION

Price well aware of his product

By GERALD DAVIES

JONATHAN Price, as marketing director of the Welsh Rugby Union, could be said to have been entrusted with the task of brushing up and dusting down the frazzled and discredited image that Welsh rugby has acquired over the last declining decade and turn it into a highclass act once more.

"Welsh rugby has something special to offer," Price says. "It has flair, passion, a respected and honourable tradition. It is held in great affection throughout the community. There is strength to this heritage which is crying out to be successful. But t seems to have come apart over recent years.

"There is a need to find that common thread so everyone can pull in a more unified direction. The image must be of an efficient and effective admin-istration run by a responsible body governing a sport which is attractive and appealing to all levels of society, particularly

If Price's conversation is anything to go by, he has that quality which Denis Evans, ecretary of the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU), seeks in all his employees: energy. Price was born in Knighton on the Welsh marshes but the family moved

Hartley forced to stop playing

GARY Hardey, the Nottingham and England B centre, who played more than 200 games for the club. has retired (David Hands writes). He fractured his laryux in the summer of 1989 and throat and chest problems since then have persuaded him to stop plaving.

Hartley, aged 28, joined Not-tingham as a student at Trent Polytechnic in 1981. Nottingham have been joined

by David Wright, formerly of Pontypool but who went to Leicester this season Barry Evans, Leicester's Engto Exeter when he was 13.

After reading economics at Durham University, he joined Price Waterhouse in London as a trainee management consul-tant in 1985. A change in career three years later saw him join the public relations and sponsorship consultancy firm, Lay and Partners.

Looking for new clients, he was introduced to David East, then WRU secretary, and began being an outside consultant to the union. He became a fullime employee in September.
"I have visited one rugby club after another every weekend to ascertain what their needs are," Price says. "Admittedly, there is a feeling of scepticism born of not knowing quite what a marketing director does. Born, too, of disillusion after being let down by other promises in the past and which have come to

"I have to explain that it is important nowadays to promote rugby. There is a very compet-itive leisure industry, with rugby being only one sport among many. In other words, we need to package our product in such a way to make it attractive to the existing audience as well as to the future potential audience. Welsh rugby, too, needs to exploit all the commercial

THE spinal injuries sustained

by Stephen Roberts, when representing Bath Colts against

Nottingham Colts in their last game of the past season, sadly left him paralysed for life (Mich-

acl Stevenson writes). It was

nobody's fault but he will need a

full-time nurse and expensive,

specialised equipment if he is to

live anything approaching a tolerable life.

Links between Stephen's school, King Edward's, Bath,

and Treat prompted the idea of

a benefit match between the two

schools that will be played at Nottingham RFC next Tuesday,

December 11 (6.30), in aid of

the game to develop in the future and I need to emphasise that if the WRU does not maximise the commercial happens, to be apologetic. possibilities, then someone else "Rugby league is a successful competitor. Perhaps this means that it is necessary to highlight the weaknesses of that competitor. If so, I will not shirk my there are vast sales of Welsh jerseys bearing the three-feathers logo. But Welsh rugby gains no royalties from these. The

profit belongs to someone who does not give anything back into Welsh rugby. Soon the WRU will register its own logo and will then grant licences for its use and for a financial return." Price is combative, his casual

demeanour belying, perhaps, something of a bar-room brawler beneath. This was shown recently in his exchange with the rugby league authori-ties who constantly undermine the developing fabric of the union game.

When the word "amnesty" emerged from the WRU, and rugby league accused the union of "arrogance", Price called their response the "whingeing of a frightened sport unable to produce sufficient talent of their

He explains: "There is a sense

will have pleased more than their 12-10 defeat of Marl-borough. Twenty years ago

occurred, and usually neg-atively. We need to concentrate on the positive elements of rugby union and not, as so often

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

DESPITE the tremors that have "You wouldn't expect the chief executive of Coca-Cola to stand back and heap praise on Pepsi's marketing activity, would you? So I have to ask a

There has been criticism of Wyllie's refusal to bring in an assistant to coach the backs, which developed during the tour of Wales and Ireland last season and grew louder during the summer. First Scotland ran the All Blacks close in two inter-nationals, and then in August the Australians terminated a four-year, 50-match unbeaten run. Among the critics was Wayne Shelford, the No. 8 dropped by Wyllie after the series with Scotland and now

Wyllie, first appointed in 1988, was sole coach to the party coached the New Zealand dev unbeaten tour of Canada

Whether Wayne Smith is in coaching job remains to be seen but he has been appointed coach to New Zealand's sevens squad next year. Smith won 17 caps between 1980-5 at stand-off half and centre.

club, who beat Laugharne 12-3

All Blacks keep the Wyllie way

shaken New Zealand rugby, Alex Wyllie will coach the All Blacks in the defence of the World Cup next October. His appointment was confirmed by ball Union council in Welling ton yesterday but an assistant coach will be named within the

playing with Northampton,

which lost two regional matches in France in October but then emerged triumphant in both internationals. Those wins, in Nantes and Paris, doubtless clinched Wyllie's position ahead of four other candidates, one of whom was John Hart, the former Auckland coach who remains a selector, as does Lane Penn, of Wairarapa Bush, Penn elopment team which scored 40 tries in five matches during their

TODAY'S FIXTURES BOXING: BSB 14.00-18.00. Screensport 10.00-12.00 and 21.00-22.30: Professional events. Except 20.00-21.00: Dennis Audrise v Guy Waters. CRECCET: Stry One 05.45-13.45: World Se-ries: England v Australia. BSCT 01.00-01.50 (Semontow): World Series Cupr. England v New Zealand. 7.30 unless stated

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Denis Tingay's suggestion for a sporting day out

JUDO: British national championships: The introduction of this sesson of a rankings system in
place of national trials, possible
places in the British squad, and
national honours are at stake.

More than 200 of Britain's judoka
compete at Crystal Palace tomorrow, including the favourits in the
heavyweight category, Eivis Gordon, winner of two Commontwealth
gold medals. In the lighter classes,
John Newton and Densign White
defend their titles, while Kerith
Brown competes in its first tournament since reurning from a two-

Seven weight classes in the men's and women's tournament, representing the very best of British talent, will be decided. Competition starts at 9.30am, with the finals at about 3.30. HOW TO GET THERE: The National

HOW TO GET THERE: The National Sports Centre is in Crystal Palace, on the A324. Ample parking space is available. By rail, regular services run to Crystal Palace from Clapham Junction and Victoria. The stadium is a short walk from the station. Admission is \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for Children.

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Schools fix up match for Roberts against Sherborne (12-6) and Millfield (27-12) is an awesome task. Having lost both, Bishop

Wordsworth's have won every match, amassing 386 to 81 points conceded. Their November record is noteworthy: played: seven; won: seven; for: 213; against: 14. Their top try-scorer is Richard Hill, the No. 8, with 30 and King Edward's pack coming strongly in the second balf to they have good representation at county level. They have won earn a 9-3 win. their first three rounds of the Daily Mail Cup and no victory

Loretto were unbeaten in November, defeating Edinburgh Academy (41-7), Kelvinside (19-6), Fettes (29-0), Sedbergh (4-3) and Glasgow Academy (39-6). King's, Tannton, carned the admirable record of 12 wins and can defeat ending the term with Bishop Wordsworth's played against Marlborough 3rd XV. Bishop's Stortford are in fine

"But equally we cannot be complacent in facing rugby league's ability to promote itself. Welsh rugby must recognise that that Welsh rugby has tended to be reactive rather than proactive to rugby league, as it has been in much else. It responds to want to stay in rugby union."

responsibilities to the union. If it means putting out a compet-

player who is thinking of turning to the professional code: can the thrill of running out on the

Arms Park be matched by losing to Papua New Guinea? Or what is the league's equivalent of playing in a World Cup competition where 16 different

will be projected to a world-wide television audience of more than two billion people across

itive sales pitch, so be it.

17-3), and Felsted (18-15). The Hertfordshire 18-group have se-lected five of their players. King Edward VII. Lytham, won ten from 11 matches, scoring 220 points to 55 conceded. Most notably, they de-prived Woodhouse Greve of their unbeaten run with the

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| land international wing makes this third comeback attempt of the season in a club match against Blackheath tomorrow after shaking off a persistent of the season in a club match against Blackheath tomorrow after shaking off a persistent of the season in a club match against Blackheath tomorrow after shaking off a persistent of the season in a club match against Blackheath tomorrow after shaking off a persistent of the season in a club match against Blackheath tomorrow after shaking off a persistent of the season in a club match against Blackheath tomorrow after shaking off a persistent of the season in a club match against Blackheath tomorrow after shaking off a persistent of the season in a club match against Blackheath tomorrow after shaking off a persistent of the season of the se

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Topsham Bay to take honours Taunton highly critical

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TOPSHAM Bay, whose five successive victories this year include three at Cheltenham, looks capable of capitalising on that experience by winning the final chase of the BMW series there today.

Trained in Devon by David Barons, Topsham Bay first came to the fore when he beat his stable companion Royal Battery by four lengths to land the coveted National Hunt Challenge Cup over four miles at the three-day festival last

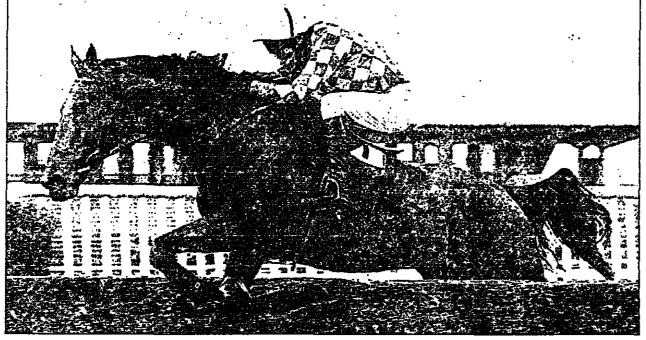
Four weeks later, he made a triumphant return to Prestbury Park and won the Thomsons Novices' Handicap Chase over today's shorter

After cruising home in his first two races this autumn, at Devon & Exeter and Newbury, Topsham Bay had to work harder for his most recent Cheltenham win when he was all out to beat Bigsun by 11/2 lengths.

sore after that event, but tively in the Hennessy Cognac Barons gave the assurance that Gold Cup at Newbury last my selection is fit and ready to month, are set to do battle give of his best again today, again in the Food Brokers and he should prove very hard Fisherman's Friend Handicap to catch, especially if he Chase. adopts his now customary

front-running role. Okeetee and Speech will be Vinci proved a disappointcarrying their correct weight, ment in the big Newbury Like Topsham Bay, Okcetee chase where he never really ended last season on a high. managed to get into the action He too began this term where proper. In the circumstances, I he left off, but he was dis- think it advisable to side with appointing at Stratford last Master Bob, who stuck to his time as indeed was Speech at task in a most admirable way

1235 Purple Point. 1.10 Bad Trade.



Topsham Bay, a fancied contender for today's BMW series final at Cheltenham

who finished second, fourth, Topsham Bay looked rather seventh and tenthth respec-

After looking so good when winning during the previous Of his six rivals only Cheltenham meeting, Sam Da

that day.

2.20 Topsham Bay.

2.55 Master Bob. 3.30 Banker's Gossip.

CHELTENHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

By Michael Seely

2.55 Master Bob. 3.30 Banker's Gossip.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.45 HOPSCOTCH.

Guide to our in-line racecard

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F - fell. P - pulled up. U - unseemed rider. B - brought down. S - stopped up. R - refused. (F - firm, good to firm, hard. G - good. D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days S - soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in since last outing: F II fist. (B - blinkers, by - visor. H - hood. E - Eyeshield. C - course plus any allowance. The Times Private winner. D - distance winner. CD - course and Handicapper's rating.

BETTING: 7-4 Poker Vision, 9-4 Bignor Hill, 3-1 Purple Point, 12-1 Last Shower, 14-1 Dickle's Gin,

1989: REMITTANCE MAN 5-11-0 R Durwoody (3-1) N Henderson 8 ran

FORM FOCUS POLAR VISION stepped up on prevous efforts when besting East River & in a 5-runner age at Ascot (2m 41, good) and is a soon to improvement. PURPLE POINT 3 2nd to Boilinger in a 12-runner bumper at Ascot (2m 41, good). The Bull 131 3rd to 3rd to Boilinger in a 12-runner bumper at Ascot (2m 41, good). The bumper at Ascot (2m 41, good) and is bumper at Ascot (2m 41, good). The bumper at Ascot (2m 41, good) and is a soon to improve and weakened from 3 out when 33%1 6th to Lake Tereon at Worcester (2m 41, good) on reappearance, after a pipe-opener on the flat.

Selection: PURPLE POINT

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1.10 KINETON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£4,386: 2m) (7 runners)

BETTRIC: 11-4 Royal Cracker, 4-1 Bad Trade, Beau Guest, 8-1 South Pool, 13-2 Impetain, 14-1 Deep

1969: YANK BROWN 9-11-9 D Byrne (9-4) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3 ran

FORM FOCUS BAD TRADE looked in control, but had his lask made easier with the departure of Chipchase 2 cut, when beating Centre Attraction a distance at Ayr (2m 4f, soft), Previously 4f 2nd to Choice Challenge at Hernman (2m 4f, good). Bat Disneytand 2f at Humangdon (2m 200yd, good) in October but showed better form 1 subsequent starts, and was 2nd to Another Cord in subsequent starts, and was 2nd to Another Cord over course and distance (good to firm) on penul-

Course specialists

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12.35 BRISTOL NOVICES HURDLE (£3,132: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

Going: good to firm (good in places)

105 0-082 PURPLE POINT 41 (E Parker) D Barons 5-11-0-108 22303/6 LAST SHOWER 23 (G Williams) J King 5-10-8 ...

Long handicap: Deep Ridge 8-10.

be fazed by Cheltenham.

Early in the programme, Martin Pipe's useful filly Hopscotch can continue on her merry way by winning the Charlton Kings Three-Year-Old Novices' Hurdle.

In a relatively short jumping career, she has now won three times over today's course and distance and seven times in all.

Anyone who fancies Banker's Gossip to extend his winning sequence by capturing the Coral Golden Hurdle Qualifying Handicap will be first hoping to see Purple

last season's National Hunt finished first and second at Uttoxeter yesterday or on festival, he is clearly not one to Huntingdon earlier in the Town Moor this afternoon. I

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For what I regard as the best bet of the day, though, I am turning to Doncaster where Dalkey Sound is napped to win the Red Alligator Handicap Chase.

A leading member of Mary Reveley's increasingly successful Cleveland stable, Dalkey Sound has aiready looked in irrepressible form at both Sedgefield and Kelso

On the last occasion she easily accounted for Highfrith and Tartan Takeover, who have both paid her a compliment by winning since. Master Bob, Sam Da Vinci, Also, having won the Kim Point win the Bristol Novices' Mrs Reveley had the choice enced Master Bob, Sam Da Vinci, Also, having won the Kim Point win the Bristol Novices' Mrs Reveley had the choice enced Master Bob, Sam Da Vinci, Also, having won the Kim Point win the Bristol Novices' of running Dalkey Sound at saddle.

1.45 CHARLTON KINGS NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,872: 2m) (5 runners)

BETTING: 6-4 Hopscotch, 9-4 Access Sun, 8-1 Capability Brown, 8-1 Far Too Loud, 12-1 They All Forgot

1989: ROYAL WONDER 10-12 P Scudamore (85-40) M Pipe 7 ran

FORM FOCUS CAPABILITY BROWN, a fair maiden on the Fatt, looked a useful hurding recruit when beating Westraggrandmorner St at Lacaster (2m, soft). Could improve. THEY ALL FORGOT ME best Double Handful % in a selling hurdle at Stratdord (2m, good).

HOPSCOTCH is a useful novice who loves to force the pace. She made at to beat Logical Lady 15 at 15 Selection: HOPSCOTCH (nep)

411-111 TOPSHAM BAY 27 (CD,F,G) (M Marsh) D Barons 7-11-10 ## Davies ## 1111-12 OKESTEE 10 (BF,F,G,5) (Mrs G Black) C Brooks 7-11-2 ## B de Heam ## 31 122114 SPEECH 15 (D,F) (P Pēer) W A Stephenson 7-10-3 ## K Johnson © 9 M ## 13F-13F1 CLEAR CALL 31 (F,S) (D Jones) J Edwards 5-70-0 ## Williamson ## K Johnson © 9 M ## 13F-13F1 CLEAR CALL 31 (F,S) (D Jones) J Edwards 5-70-0 ## Williamson ## 121131 TURNNEERRY DAWN 22 (CD,F,G) (Patadum Ltd) 7 Heiler 8-10-0 ## 8 Stronge ## 121331 TURNNEERRY DAWN 22 (CD,F,G) (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 5-10-0 ## 8 Stronge ## 103326 BRUSHFORD 28 (J Wede) J Wade 6-10-0 ## K Jones ## 10-0

FORM FOCUS TOPSHAM BAY made | 80yd, good to firm). CLEAR CALL left alone when side rival QUEEN'S BAY LAD fell 3rd at Nottingham in a handicap here (3m 4t, good to firm). Previously least The Milroy 20 at Newbury (3m, good to firm), with TURNBERRY DAWN (20th better off) 41 3rd. INCRETEE one-paced 51 2rd to Corna Glen in a handicap at Taunton (3m, good to firm). QUEEN'S applicable of the standard of the standard of the standard of the standard on perulishmete standard at Sedgefield (2m 4f, good to firm).

Long handicup: Rare Bid 9-4.
BETTING: 2-1 Master Bob, 4-1 Sam Da Vinci, 9-2 Golden Minatrel, 11-2 Seagram, 8-1 Ace Of Spies, 10-1 Rare Bid, Nautical Joke.
1989: ROYAL CEDAR 8-10-6 R Dunwoody (6-4 fav) J McConnochie 6 ran

1989: ROYAL CEDAR B-10-6 R Durwoody (8-4 fev) J McCornochie 8 ran
FORM FOCUS SAM DA VINCI beat
seagram (100 better off) 81 on penultimate start in a handicap here
(3m, good to frm).

MASTER BOB running-on 2! 2nd to Arctic Call in
grade III Hennessey Gold Cup at Newbury (3m 21
82 yd, good to firm), with SAM DA VINCI (2b better
off) 451 4th, ACE OF SPIES (4b better off) 951 7th
and SEAGRAM (7b better off) 111 9th, GOLDEN

MINISTREL ran on to beat Sneakapenny 251 in a
handicap at Folkestone (3m 21, good to firm). Previously 851 3rd to Topshem Bay here (3m 41, good to
firm), with NAUTICAL JOKE (7b better off) 951 7th
BD beat Just For The Crack 351 in a handicap at
Nottingham (3m, good to firm).

Selection: MASTER BOB

3.30 CORAL GOLDEN HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier: £3,574: 3m) (8 BBC2

FORM FOCUS SIR CRUSTY stayed on strongly to beet on strongly to beet souther significant strongly to beet souther significant strongly to beet souther significant strongly to strongly to beet souther significant strongly strongl

BETTING: 5-4 Dallay Sound, 9-2 Vulnory's Clown, 11-2 Worthy Knight, 7-1 Trigpoint Charlie, 8-1 I Like It A Lot, 16-1 Mists Of Time, 20-1 Ebony Swell.

1989: WIGTOWN BAY 6-10-10 P Niven (10-11 fav) J Mackie 3 ran

1989: SAYYURE 3-10-12 G McCourt (5-4 fav) N Tinkler 9 ran

1989: CROGHAN STAR 8-10-7 W Worthington (4-11 lav) J Dooler 2 ran

J O'Hensen (
BETTING: 94 Cowgate Fountain, 11-4 Karenda, 6-1 Arcac Stoom, 8-1 Zolaberry, 12-1 Karendaay Miss, 14-1 others.

Course specialists

1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

11, good to firm).

AUK EYE ran on to best Gunner Mac SI in a hands-cap at Ayr (2m 61, soft). BROCTUNE GREY has disappointed since finishing 8t 2nd to Battalion at timete start in handcap Wetnerby (3m, good). FLYMG DANCER needs to improve on when 2115th to Eastern Casss in a hand-

2.0 RED ALLIGATOR HANDICAP CHASE (£3,435: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

2.30 SAUCY KIT NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,935: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

3.0 MERRYMAN II NOVICES CHASE (£2,193: 3m 122yd) (4 runners) PP-6324 EASTERN MENSTREL 21 (P Plier) W A Stephenson 6-10-12 _____ 5 HELL RAISER 13 (J Thorpe) J Thorpe 11-10-12

BETTING: 5-6 The Milroy, 5-2 Eastern Manstrel, 7-2 Cot Lane, 16-1 Hell Raiser.

3.30 JULIET NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (£1,870: 2m 150yd) (11 runners)

6 ARCTIC BLOOM 13 (B Hutchrison) G Oldroyd 4-10-12 5-2 COWGATE FOUNTAIN 28 (R Dougles) Mrs G Reveley 4-10-12... KARENDA (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-12... KE MALOODA (F O'Rourks) L Codd 4-10-12...

Long handlosp: Mists Of Time 9-8.

2.20 BMW SERIES FINAL HANDICAP CHASE (£14,360: 3m 1f) (7

Sound in handicap at Kelso (2m 8t, good to soft).

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Solection: TOPSHAM BAY

(£7,440: 3m 1f) (7 runners)

2.55 FOOD BROKERS FISHERMAN'S FRIEND HANDICAP CHASE

believe that she has made the right decision. At the end of the pro-

gramme stable companion Cowaste Fountain can complete Mrs Reveley's day by winning the Juliet National Hunt Flat race.

Finally, I will be disappointed if Norman Conqueror, who ran with much promise at Newbury first time, fails to win the EBF Novices' Hurdle qualifier at Devon where Rositary can land round four of the South-West Racecourses Amateur Riders' series with the experienced Marcus Armytage in the

of stable hygiene plan

Taunton yesterday condemned the "absolute madness" of Jockey Club stable hygiene proposals, which are set to cost racecourses an estimated £2

Tony Shewen said his course not afford the extra money and would be forced to pass it on to owners at a cost of about £20 per box.

Next Monday, the Jockey Club is expected to approve a new instruction to courses requiring all occupied boxes to be cleared completely, thoroughly cleaned, sprayed with disinfectant and provided with new bedding.

Under existing rules all soiled bedding is removed from occu-pied boxes after racing and the boxes and remaining clean bedding are sprayed with

trainers yesterday, Shewen said: Taunton racecourse staff is unable to handle this extra workload for which an outside contractor will be employed at a cost of about £20 per box. There is no way that this additional cost can be absorbed by the racecourse other than by reducng prize-money, or by passing the cost to owners.

"As the majority of races at Taunton, as at all other small courses, are already run for prize-money at the minimum basic rate, we will have no

THE clerk of the course at this charge directly to owners the punter needs protection. It from next April." Shewen said later: "There is at the stands is talking about the

present a clear and workable instruction on stable hygiene which only needs to be properly enforced to make it effective. The Jockey Club should send an inspector to courses and if it is not obeying the present rules their licence should be taken

The proposed new rules would cost £1,000 for each of Taunton's 12 meetings. "It is absolutely ridiculous and com-plete madness. I feel terribly strongly about it," Shewen said.

soon followed by controversy on course at the picturesque west country track, involving the riding of Manuale Del Utente, the heavily backed 7-4 on favourite, by Jonothan Lower.

The young rider was over-confident as he led with two flights of hurdles remaining in the opening contest, the Chard Selling Hurdle. He looked over his shoulder three times but appeared not to notice the Repaldo until it was too late. Overtaken 50 yards from the finishing line, he was unable to rectify his mistake.

enquire into the riding performance. Simon 'Dodger' suspected broken left collarbone after being unseated from McCartney, a professional gambler, said: "It is outrageous. I Colin, in the amateur riders' didn't have a het in the race hut I

was disgraceful and everyone in race. Why no enquiry?"

Martin Pipe, trainer of Manuale Del Utente, said: "Per-haps the stewards ought to have had an enquiry. Jonothan reported the horse put its head in the air, I don't really want to say too much about it."

On a happier note, Robert Chapman conjured a late burst from Rope in the Bicknolles record his first win on British soil for two years. Chapman, Controversy off course was aged 28, won the conditional jockeys' championship in 1983-Desert Hero the same season. In recent months be has been riding in France where he has enjoyed seven victories. He is crossing the Atlantic shortly in

American racing. • The conditional jockey Russ Garritty will be out of action for three weeks after breaking a bone in his ankle at Catterick on by a fallen horse while riding Sugar The Pill in the Ellerton Juvenile Novices' Hurdle.

To the amazement of many observers, the stewards failed to Stafford General Hospital with a Colin, in the amateur riders' handicap chase at Uttoxeter

Clever Folly attempts Budge Chase double CLEVER Folly is likely to be feature and have cut David FIRCU ZDUU Greystoke trainer Gordon Nicholson's chaser from 7-2 to THE Lambourn trainer Charlie

Richards's only runner in the dge Handicap Chase at

Cheltenham tomorrow. His other entries, Full Strength and Highfrith, are almost certain to miss the £40,000 Full Strength, second in the H & T Walker Chase behind

month, is expected to return to the Berkshire course for the SGB Handicap Chase a week tomorrow.

Clever Folly, who enjoyed a comfortable ten-length victory over Welsh Oak in the same event last year, will again be partnered by Neale Doughty William Hill report money for Al Hashimi in the Cheltenham

favourite for the King George VI Rank Chase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day with William Hill,

David Elsworth's grey is attempting to win the big chase for a record fourth time and a spokesman for William Hill, possible placing.

The apprentice Neill Gwilliams, who rode third-placed Les Amis, was suspended for four days from December 15 to 18 for careless riding.

Nelson and Horsfall fined £500

1-4. Nelson and jockey Steve Other prices: 4-1 Katabatic Horsfall were each fined £500 by (with a run), 6-1 Cuddy Dale, the Lingfield stewards yesterday New Halen, Thar-An-Bharr, 10- after Awesome Power finished 1 Pins Pride, Skipping Tim.
Desert Orchid is the new 11-4
Dancing Floor Claiming Stakes, The stewards found that Awe-some Power, who drifted from 5-1 to 10-1 in the betting, appeared to have been tenderly ridden throughout the race.

They found both the trainer

and jockey in breach of the rule which states all horses should be Graham Sharpe, yesterday said: ridden to achieve the best "The Desert Orchid ian club has possible placing.

DEVON Selections By Mandarin

12.30 Lexden. 1.0 Norman Conqueror. 1.30 Irish Lord. 2.5 Primatice. 2.35 Rositary. 3.5 Long-

Going: good to firm 12.30 CULLOMPTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,772: 2m 11) (7

1 236- LEXDEN SIF M Pipe 4-12-0 M Foster
2 506- THAIL STAR 316 T Forster 6-11-6 J RABION
3 -640 ARCTICFLOW 17 N Thomson 5-10-10 — 4
4 FPP- THE WOODEN RUT 277 R VOCKSBUY 7-10-10 M Tory
5 -635 FANILLE 9 H Whiting 4-10-8 D Leses
6 840/ AFRICAN OPERA 588 S Turton 5-10-7 D Skyme
7 P/SP VANSHING BOY 15 W G M Turter 8-10-2 — — Evens Lexden, 5-2 Fanie, 9-2 Time Star, 10-1 The Wooden Hut, 12-1 Arcochow, 16-1 Vanishing Boy, 25-1 African Opera. 1.0 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,365: 2m

11-4 Norman Conqueror, 7-2 Bellyanto, 4-1 Wood Corner 6-1 October Winds, 8-1 Come On Toby, 10-1 others. 1.30 TOM GARRATT CHALLENGE CUP HANDI-CAP CHASE (£2,528: 3m 1f) (9) 1 211/ FLYING GOD 598 (CD,G,S) J Baker 10-11-11

1 211/ FLYING GOD 588 (CD.G.S) J Beloar 10-11-11
S Burntagh (7)
P 9F. RISSM LORD 8 (D.G.S) M Pipe 9-11-1. G Bradley
3 6-F4 GENERAL CHRYSON 10 (S) P Hobbs 10-11-1
Mr B CSfford (7)
4 - SGF FREENDLY HENRY 19 (S) J Fox 10-10-9
5 115- THE OLIONEE 280 (S) J Belor 8-10-8. B Powel
6 1FP/ ROYAL REPLY 811 (F.G.) G Ham 10-10-8. B Powel
7 2LIFP ROYAL GLINGMA 13 (CD.F.G.S) R Frost 10-10-6 J Frost
8 -525 TOUNGHAD 41 (B.D.F) R O SUSWAN 7-10-0
M Kinana

M Kinane 9 334S CANTORIAL 18 (D,F,G,S) C Pophsm 9-10-0 S Donokoe (7)

3-1 Irish Lord, 4-1 General Chryson, 11-2 Royal Gurkha, 6-1 Toukshad, 8-1 Centonal, 10-1 Flying God, 12-1 others.

2.5 KENTON NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,730:

1 4410 MESTER BYBLOS 23 (5,8) J Baker 4-11-10
2 0S-0 AUTUMN GALE 25 R Akehurst 4-11-5 L Harvey
3 0FP MONTECATRS 8 (8) Mrs P Durfield 4-11-5
Mr R Docto (7)
4 0 BY FAR 18 0 O'Nell 4-11-0 V Sintary (7)
5 0P02 JOMANA 8 J For 4-11-0 V Sintary (7)
6 HALF A PINK JO 109F S Turnor 3-10-5 S Bradey
7 PRIMATICE 80F (8) M Pipe 3-10-5 G Bradey
8 31U6 STRANGER STILL 18 (CD,BF,F) V B Stavens 3-10-5 K Mooney

11-10 Primatice, 3-1 Mister Byblos, 5-1 Jomana, 8-1 Au-tumn Gale, 10-1 Stranger Still, 12-1 others.

2.35 SOUTH-WEST RACECOURSES MARES ONLY NOVICES CHASE (Amateurs: round IV: £2,119: 2m 1f) (6)

1 2313 MISS FERN 5 (F) R Dickin 5-11-6 5 02-F ROSITARY 20 (S) S Mellor 7-11-0 ______ 6 P-06 WEST LODGE LADY 10 N Thomson 5-11-0

5-2 Rositary, 3-1 Miss Fern, 4-1 Kellyenn, 6-1 Almost Caught, 6-1 Pretty Pantoes, 10-1 West Lodge Lady.

3.5 ALWYN TRUNDLE MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,086: 2m 1f) (11) 1 133- PATRICK JAMES 226 (F,G,S) F Jordan 5-12-0 2 32-0 CELTIC 908 18 (D,F,S) O O'Neil 10-11-13

2 320 CELLE 908 16 [D.F.S] O C Neat 10-11-13

V Stattery (7)

3 3225 IAMA ZULU 14 (CD.BF.F.G) P Hobbs 5-11-9

C Maude (5)

4 1-3F TRUSM 15 (D.BF.F) Mrs J Retter 5-19-13..... B Powell 4 1-3F TRUISM 15 (D.BF.F) Mrs J Retter 5-19-13.... B Powell 5 -342 CUT A CAPER 18 (D.F.G.S) R O'Sutivan 8-19-9 D O'Sutivan (S)

9-4 Truism, 100-30 lama Zulu, 4-1 Cut A Caper, 6-1 Catic Bob, 8-1 Longghurst, 10-1 Patrick James, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M Pop. 84 winners from 309 runners, 30.4%; R Dickin, 4 from 16, 25.0%; P Hobbs, 24 from 130, 18.5%; T Forster, 8 from 51, 15.7%; G Ham, 10 from 69, 14.5%; D Barona, 20 from 153, 13.1%.

JOCKEYS: G Bradley, 7 winners from 21 rides, 33.3%; C Maude, 5 from 23, 21.7%; A Tory, 3 from 19, 15.8%; J Frost, 28 from 205, 14.1%; B Powell, 35 from 251, 13.9%; S Smith Eccles, 6 from 47, 12.8%.

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Geing: good to firm

12.45 (2m 110yd Indie) 1, REPALDO (J. Frost, 33-1); 2, Manuale Del Utente (J. Lower, 4-7 fev); 3, Enterprise Lady (Mr S. Cifford, 16-1), ALSO RAN; 11-2 Dence Of A Gunner (8th), 16 Cern Kenidack, 20 Pharoche 9 Guest Str), Millian Miss (po), 25 Channor (4th), 40 Ahsanta Sana, Phory Bey (url. 50 Antique Andy, Murmmy's Fox, Zulu Dancer (pu), 66 Elofanbat, Martinster (pu), 15 ran. 2%, 151, 8, 2%, 3, R Hodges at Somenton. Tox: 245.00; £470, £1.40, £1.50. OF: £43.40. CSF: 249.08. Bought in for 2,700gns.

1,15 (2m 21 110yd ch) 1, ZMMMERSET

Last Bought in for 2,700ghs.

1.15 (2m 21 110yd ch) 1, 20 MMERSET (S Earle, 11-4); 2, Custry Town (N WBlamson, 5-2 fav); 3, High Imp (B Powell, 14-1), ALSO RAN: 4 Court Repier (ur), Seaton Garl (ur), 20 Indian Menor (f), 6 ran. 15i, 12i, A Barrow at Bridgwater, Tote: 23.10; £1.80, £2.00, DF: 25.90, CSF; £9.97.

1.45 (3m hdie) 1. MISS POKEY (N Menn, 2-1 fev); 2, Lapiarile (J Frost, 9-4), 3, Ultra Violet (J Lower, 9-4), ALSO RAN: 14 Lasing Memory (pu), 16 Meazers (4th), 50 Vintage Lad, 66 Sedgewell Lady (pu), 7 ran. NR: Poona Express. 1, 101, 194, dst. R Holder at Bristol. Tota: 22.40; 21.20, 22.00, DP: £4.20, CSP: £5.45, Tncast.

2.15 (3m ch) 1, GREEN SECRET (8 Powell, 100-30); 2, Came Down (C Llewellyn, 11-10 lav); 3, Laura's Star (Miss H McCault, B-1), ALSO RAN: 5 Royal Hero (ur), 33 Dwale (4th), 100 Duncfille Dencer (pu), 6 ren. 6l, 31, dest. C Popham at Taumton, Totac 24,70; 52.20, 51.20, DF: 52.70, CSF; £8.44.

\$2.70. GSF: £6.44.

2.45 (3m hdle) 1, NaSTER GEBO (N Williamson, 6-4 fev; 2, Cooks Lawn (6 de Hean, 11-4); 3, Freuel Squad (S Earle, 20-1), ALSO RAN: 11 Faux Pavilion (pu), 33 Spar Lady (bd), 50 Rathmichael (4th), 56 Powder Boy (5th), 100 Burnt Oats (6th), Hazzard's Boy (pu), Mehonstown Bridge (f), Sovereign Deed (pu), 11 ran. 11, 101, 151, 31, 151. J Edwards at Ross-on-Wye, Tote: \$2.20; £1.20, £1.60, £1.90. DF: \$2.50. CSF: \$3.52. Lucky Landers (9-2) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 15p in pound.

3.15 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, ROPE (R Chapman, 10-1); 2, St Elmo's Fire (B de Hann, 5-1); 3, Abu Musleh (Mr G Edwards, 11-4 ji-1sy). ALSO RAN: 11-4 ji-1sy Monday Chub (5th), 6 Mister Oddy (m), Spittire Jublice, 18 Patrn Swift (6th), 20 On So Ripe (4th), 25 False Arrest, Sabre Long, 10 ran, 31, 31, 21, 21, 21, 31 F

E1.10, E1.50, DF: £21.30, CSF: £86.23, Tricest: £193.13. After a stewards' enquiry the result stood.

Managed: F5.70.

Wizzard Magic (10-1), Irish Pansage 7-4 fev. 12 ran, 2%, 3%, R Hannon, Tote: £4.50; £1.50, £8.40, £3.80, DF: £80.70. CSF: £47.12, LSP Amis finished third before a stewards' anoughly was disqualified.

Uttoxeter

Going: good 12:30 (2m 4f hole) 1, Miss Adventure (S Smith Eccles, 4-1); 2, Surcost (9-2); 3, We-areagrandmother (13-2). Hug6 7-2 fav. 14 ran. 2, 20l. M Tompkins. Tote: £4.50; £2.10. £1.50, £2.10. DF: £9.80. CSF: £21.46 1.0 (3m 2i ch) 1, Hotplate (Mr D McCain, 7-4 tavi: 2, Cross Master (7-2); 3, Valassy (4-1), 7 ran. 10l. 2 kl. D McCain. Tote: 52.50; £1.90, £2.00. DF: £4.20. CSF:

2.7.78.
1.39 (3m 21 ch) 1. Mandraki Shuffle (J Osborne, 5-2); 2. Bradwell (11-1), 7-4 Fav Invasion. 5 ran (Only two finished), 31. O Shenwood, Tore: £3.20; £1.60, £2.60. DF; £11.90. CSF: £20.59. 2.0 (2m hdle) 1. Glebelande Girl (L. O'Hara, 5-2 jt-lav); 2. Noo Mana (5-2 jt-lav); 3. Easy Teme (25-1). 9 ran. 3. 5.1 R Bennett. Tote: C.3.0; 5.1.10, 5.1.60, 5.3.0; DF; \$4.40. CSF; \$2.32. Threast \$109.46.

DF: £4.40. CSF: £9.32. Tricast: £109.46.
2.30 (2m ch) 1, Duke De Vendeme (\$ Smith Eccles, 8-15 fev); 2, Knockenns; (4-1); 3, Snake Eye (25-1); 5 rán. 1%i, dist, Mrs. D. Haine. Tote: £1.50; £1.30, £1.40, DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.03.
3.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, Austile Dot (J. Osborne, 11-4; 2, Tactico (6-1); 3, One More Knight (9-1); Astre Radieux 2-1 fev. 7 ran. 7, 2%i, J. Webber. Tote: £3.10; £1.50. £2.30. DF: £8.50. CSF: £17.45.
3.30. (2m brille) 1, Streng Rassu (8, Dur-1

Placepot: £14.50 -**Lingfield Park**

Going: standard 12.10 (1m) 1, 3no Serenade (N Day, 4-6 fev); 2, Venroy (10-1); 3, Amenable (5-1), 10 ran, NR; Meita, Scots Law, ½1, ½1, R Boss, Tota: £1.60; £1.10, £1.80, £2.40, DF: £3.10, CSF; £10.19.

E3.10. CSF: £10.19.
12.40 (7t) 1. Say You WE (Dean McKeown, 10-1); 2, Yeoman Bid (10-1); 3, Ar Nymph (15-2); 4. Case For The Crown (10-1); Anneß Rose, Nikias, Angel and Meltau 13-2 ji-lavs. 16 ran. %1, 1%1 M Naughton, Yose, 12.80; £4.0, £1.80, £2.40, £4.00. DF: £88.10. CSF: £103.79, 770:281: £736.77.

1.10 (min); Welking Spint (A McGigos, 10-1); 1.10 (min); 1.10 (min

FAST RESULTS --DONCASTER DEVON & EXETER RECORDED COMMENTARIES + 268 SHILTON SHOOT OUT + 252 ENGLAND V N. ZEALAND 0898-168-200

DONCASTER Selections By Mandarin

12.30 Lakmon. 1.00 Hard Stuff. 1.30 Rawzan.

200 DALKEY SOUND (nap). 3.00 The Milroy. 3.30 Coweate Fountain.

al Sachy's selection: 2.00 DALKEY SOUND (nap).

Michael Seely's selection: 2.00 272	
Going: Good to firm: 12.30 DOORKNOCKER NOVICES HURDLE (£2,022: 3m 122yd) (3 runners) 1 F/F08-8U GENTINO 9 (Miss J Wood) J Hams 7-10-12	

RY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,322: 2m 150yd) (4

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Unitiers) 1 12-2122 FIESTA DANCE 21 (F) (H Pickening) J Leigh 7-11-11	85
2 SAMAR E UADO STUFF AN INVIEWS	90
4 453/P43 NEWMARKET Sausage.	
BETTING: 11-8 Valentinos Joy, 9-1 Fiesta Dance, 11-4 realiton (3-1) T Bill 5 ran 1989: ROYAL CRACKER 8-11-2 J Railton (3-1) T Bill 5 ran	

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5 GOOD SESSION 18 (Dr A Srivaslava) A Potts 3-10-8.

62 RAWAAN 15 (ET) (R Gomersell) N Tinkher 3-10-8.

9 BRACKEN BAY 6 (M Taylor) T Acresy 3-10-3.

P MRS SKINNER 74F (Aris P Barker) Mrs P Barker 3-10-3.

P MUSCADINE 46 (J Furiong) J Ringer 3-10-3.

RGU NY LINDIANNE 13 (Mass A McGregor) J Doober 3-10-3. BETTING: 5-2 Rewash, 7-2 Lafkadio, 4-1 Barcham, 6-1 French House, 8-1 Good Session, 10-1 Waverley 1989: THE LIGHTER SIDE 3-10-10 D Wilkinson (6-1) W Pearce 16 ran

TRAINERS

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Infrited Cares - ASTI AND GUIDE-

Sheffield appears to have little hope of balancing the books

THERE are new fears that the those running the Games. It will lose more money than any event in the history of British

The Games, which will bring 6,000 competitors from 120 countries to Sheffield, are scheduled to open on July 14. They are being underwritten no option but to cut local services to find the funds necessary to hold the Universiade, the biggest competition outside the Olympic

Although a satisfactory television deal was concluded yesterday with British Sky in Sheffield's determination Broadcasting (BSkyB), which will act as the host broadcaster ful international event". and be able to relay pictures to more than 20 countries, sufficient sponsorship is unlikely to be raised.

June has been the director of Games administration, has to report to the eight-man World cost of the facilities has al-Student Games (policy) sub- ready risen over four years committee on the income from £25 million to £147 expected from the event, the million, borrowed from banks facilities for which are the best and being repaid over 23 years in Britain and will be exten- from 1992 with a £26-a-year sively used by local residents for generations to come.

of the Liberal Democrats on would underwrite the facilities Sheffield Council and a mem- and that the Universisde GB ber of that sub-committee, Ltd would run the Games at said yesterday: "There has no cost to Sheffield residents. been a shroud of secrecy over the whole affair. In fact, it is budgets to stage the event: £27 now worse for the city council than when Universiade GB Ltd was running the Games." Universiade GB Ltd, a private the opening and closing cerecompany, with members of monies, which can be a great the council on its board, was attraction to sponsors. Even wound up in June with liabilities of £1 million.

Heslop, the leader of the sponsorship over the next six Conservatives on the council, months, it now seems unlikely tabled a motion deprecating that the Games will draw in the lack of information from much more than £12 million.

Table
January 16: Sheffield nominated by
British Students Sports Federation
for 1991 Games. Costs estimated at
£29 million for new facilities and £25

July 9: Sheffield presents bid to International Students Sports

November 29: 29 members of Fisu

executive committee visit Sheffield and vote to give the city the Games (there is no other candidate after the

(there is no other candidate after the withdrawal of Turin). Costs estimated at £100 million for building facilities and £22 million for staging

1988
March 8: Peter Burns, former chairman of Crown Paints, is appointed chief executive of Universide GB Ltd, responsible for

running the Games.

October 16: There are reports that
Games organisers are 2500,000 in
debt and have asked for overdraft.
Peter Price, Sheffield City Council's
daputy leader, says: "We are throwing big dice and the members are a
bit nervous about the con-

bit nervous about the con-sequences of 1991 onwards, when we are left with a lot of payments on

running the Games.

million for running the Games.

Federation (Fisu) in Zagreb.

1991 World Student Games was overwhelmingly defeated. The ruling Labour group says that £5.14 million has been pledged in cash and kind. But this is only pledged, not delivered. The few firm commitments include those from the Sports Council (£3 million) and British Telecom by the city council, which has (£500,000) and some local sponsorship, which has not reached £1 million. make savings of £35 million on its revenue budget next

A tranche of £174,000 of the Sports Council's contribution was paid recently following a visit by Peter Yarranton, its chairman, who said it was to demonstrate "our confidence and ability to mount a success-

Hesiop contends that the local authority involvement means "there is less incentive to obtain sponsorship because Ray Gridley, who since of the knowledge that the council will pick up the tab".

The tab will be hefty. The levy on the community r generations to come. charge. Originally, it was David Chadwick, the leader planned that the council Gridley has prepared three

million, £22 million and £17 million. Adoption of the lowest figure would mean cutting with income from ticket sales and merchandising and mod-On November 28, David erate luck in obtaining

THE TIMETABLE OF TROUBLE

£9 million, 37p on average rates bill

or 45p a week on community charge. August 22: After São Paulo with-

draws, 1989 Games begin in Duis-burg with only four sports being

Downhill on a slippery slope

BRIAN JAMES lifts the curtain on a downhill skiing season when the stage is more spectacular than the stars

Unlike the 1986 Edinburgh

Commonwealth Games,

which made a loss of £4.3

million, the biggest in British sport, the World Student

Games are being underwritten

by a local authority. However,

it cannot increase its poll tax

for next year to offset any

deficit on the Games, because

it has been charge-capped by

the government. In fact, the

city council has already had to

year because of government

spending cuts. This has in-

volved making 3,500 people

trying to balance the books.

was asked whether he would

consider dropping the budget

below £17 million by perhaps

eliminating some of the ten

sports. He replied: "That is

meeting this month to detail

what sponsorship had been

lined up. "I do not want to

announce anything until it is

signed, sealed and delivered,

but I shall be able to close

discussions now that the TV

cult at this stage to anticipate

the income from the Games -

something true of all major

events - and pointed out that

the most important period for

obtaining new sponsorship

was the first six months of

1991, although many major companies will have already

settled their budgets for

sponsorship for next year. Gridley said: "We need the

British sporting and sponsor-

ship community to recognise

these Games for what they are:

a showcase for sports admin-

istration and one of the major

events in the world next year

Those people who doubt Shef-

field are in for a surprise."

to raise funds.

He added that it was diffi-

deal is settled," he said.

He declined in advance of a

not a realistic question."

Gridley, who has the job of

redundant

Val d'Isère DOWNHILL skiers are the gods of winter sport. They descend from the peaks, as swift, vivid and dangerous as tracers aimed at mortals clustered at the finish. These they annoint with a dusting of snow from their final, contemptuously elegant turn. Then they lift their goggles, unhelmet, ummask, unbuckle — and disappear before our eves.

The greatest burden on a sport set on the world's most spectacular stages is that it stands now almost entirely without stars: the downhill season that begins here this weekend has scarcely a skier who would be recognised beyond the end of his own village street.

The deadly glamour of what they do should put them beside racing drivers in the pantheon: yet any snooker player capable of making a 100 break without suffering a hernia has a higher recognition-factor.

A chronic shortage of idols became acute with the retirement at the end of last season of Pirmin Zurbriggen. The Swiss was far beyond competence in all disciplines and capable of brilliance at most but it will not be for his quips and insightful summaries that he will be missed. Zurbriggen, all power and elegance at his work, had all the off-duty personality of a well-polished plank.

For three winters Gian-Franco Kasper, secretary general of the International Ski Federation (FIS), has wrestled with the consequences of the snow famine upon his sport's classic events, often resulting in the organisational equivalent of switching, at 48 hours' notice, the Derby to Ulttoxeter or the Boat Race to Barking Creek. Here in Val d'Isère yesterday, where snow and sky seemed to be posing for the brochures, the indications were that this year we will not want for whiteness.

These bluer skies do not leave Kasper with an unclouded mind. The lack of focused charisma weighs too heavily. "For very long there has been no Killy, no Klammer. But now there is no one. It is our single greatest problem. They all have ents to make them known. They all ski for teams who recognise they need people who can smile nice, talk and make sense. There is willingness to be accessible and to charm. But all we have are good skiers. Nice guys. With nothing to say."

By the end of today's practice, pray we have first sight of some nice new guy with a bit more than "sick as a frozen parrot" to contribute. But veterans like Höflehner, Stock and Wirnsberger, who all seem to have been around since before the earth was warm, are looking ominously set at the beginning of a season with all to play for.

There are clear reasons why the average skier does about as much to put sparkle into sport as Steve Davis's chalk cube, and one reason



Descent into anonymity: Zurbriggen, the last of the glittering prizemen, left a legacy of nobodies

uct of Alpine farm communities, acquiring a downhiller's dash in response to the village school bell at about the age our own rural infants are decanted from mummy's Volvo. But this lays a foundation of impressive thighs and incomprehensible nerve rather than any gift for philosophical or descriptive

Why a new and largely unfair burden descends upon them now is because of the havoc created in the finances of their sponsors, the skiequipment companies, by climatic upheaval Several of the biggest sponsors have withdrawn. Others have made it plain that for their money they want rather more than that their man should dismount smartly at the end of his run to brandish skis, brand name foremost, at the cameras.

It is not only the individual skier being whipped up to sell the sport, and all the costly and colourful trappings that attend it. The FIS itself is under tremendous pressure, having in effect been given this one season to improve its organisation, Typically, great skiers are the prod-sternest critics, the United States, egged on by equipment moguls, will walk out and organise a world cup of

A ski circus which wanders about the Alpine nations in response to 20odd years' custom and practice, which visits some cramped and inadequate venues just because they are famous, and whose itineraries are too easily upset by blizzard or zenhyr, is anathema to a nation used to having its sports schedules set by television programmers.

For the first time, winners of races will be spared the absurdity of having to cart off to Alpine pawnshops the crystal bowls and electrical goods that were the only prizes under the rules. Now they take their winnings in something more easily convertible, like bullion, or a bankdraft. The maximum prize is

still an almost as absurd £1,800. But any cheque would loom large as dinner money for the hordes of ambitious daredevils who make up the pack. It is apposite that this season another experiment will give such racers a faint, quaint chance of erupting as if from the crowd of some

In three World Cup races this year, instead of the starting line-up being based on the seeding from previous results, a much larger pool will compete to set fast times in practice. Then a Friday elimination will produce, rather as in motor racing, a grid" of the best 30 who, no matter what their antecedents, will compete in the race itself, choosing their own place in the starting order. In theory, then, even the newest race-licensed skier could have a mad morning and outrun all the names for top place on the grid. All that stands between him, then, and a gold bar and stardom is the need to go out next day and do it again. A bonus is that every yard of any such dream run would be captured for world-wide television.

Yet another experiment at these three events involves a two-minute interval between racers to permit start-to-finish camera coverage of every run. Of course, this will make it intensely boring for spectators on the ground, waiting for the blurred passing of one skier every 120 seconds, but since when was that a the piper for sport's bravest tunes?

Scandinavians improving

VAL D'ISÈRE (Reuter) - Lasse Arnesen, of Norway, recorded the fastest time in practice for the opening men's World Cup downhill of the season on Saturday.

Niklas Henning, from Sweden, a country that has never won a medal in the downhill, came a highly creditable

The results reflect the steady improvement of Scandinavians, who used to be more recognised for their prowess in Nordic events. In the opening race of the European season on Sunday, in Valloire, four Scandina-vians finished in the first ten.

LEADING TRADUNG TIMES: 1, LAmesen (Nor), 1min 59.03eec; 2, Denis Rey (Fr), 1:59.24; 3, A J Kitt (US), 1:59.27; 4, D Mainter (Switz), 1:59.40; 5, F Belczyk (Can), 1:59.45; 8, N Henning (Swe), 1:59.52

 ALTENMARKT: Petra Kronberger, of Austria, seeking her third successive World Cup win of the season, was fastest, with a time of 2min 1,83sec. in the opening practice run yesterday for the first women's downhill (Reuter

LEADING PRACTICE TIMES: LEMININA PHOLITA: E PROSECT, P. KTOTROPE, CAUSTIN, 20th 01.83 sec; 2, B. Sadisder (Austrie), 2-02.87; 3, K. Pace (Carr), 2-02.95; 4, H. Zurbriggen (Switz), 2-03.08; 5, E. Kirchter (Austria), 2-03.30; 6, I. Stoccki (Austria), 2-03.37.

Reading eye place in new division

By Alix Ramsay

NEXT year the Typhoo National League expands to two divisions opening up many more places come the promotion and relegation play-offs in May. The leading clubs from the feeder leagues in each of the five contest a place in division two.

top of division one of the Norts Sport South League, are well placed for a shot at the play-offs. In the last three years they have risen through both divisions of the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire regional league and last year won promotion from the second division of the

south league. Reading WHC was started ten years ago and is part of the successful men's club. With the men playing in their national league, the prestige of having under one roof is driving the

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"There aren't many clubs with a men's and women's team in a national league," Sheret said. "If we get into the Typhoo league it would encourage new players to join the club."

With Slough up the road and their south league rivals, Bracknell, just a few minutes away, Sheret believes they are in a good area to attract new players. "Not that we want to poach them," she said. "If they want to come to us, that's fine, but we are not going to tell them they must play for Reading." There is only one match left against lowly Sumbury, but January will be the crunch month for Reading.

Their first game of the n year is against Trojans, who are a couple of places below them. They take on second-placed Bracknell a couple of weeks

October 4: Princess Royal, patron of Games, launches Sheffield's marketing drive by declaring city "open for business". Burns admits

November 8: Sports Council agrees to give £3 million towards costs. November 30: John Reeve, leading Garnes official, says the next four months "crucial" in ensuring

Games are financial success.
December 15: Organisers n December 15: Organisers run into cash-flow difficulty. Burns dismissed because of irretrievable breakdown between chief executive and directors. Board says that after being toold to be the second to the control of th being told it had assets of £7 million in October, it had £1 million deficit in November. Figures denied by

December 21: Norman Adsetts appointed to run day-to-day opera-tions of Games. He says: "We hope to announce major TV coverage early in New Year." Auditors sent in

January 9: City Council agrees 1990

November 12: Ifsu executive tours financial package to underwrite building, now estimated at £111 age of sponsorship opportunities to satisfied" with progress.

January 30: Revised estimates of costs: facilities, £140 million; stag-ing Games, £27 million. ring carries, 227 military. February 15: Games organisers say they have oral or written commitments from 22 countries to screen

January 25: City Council learns organisers have already run up £3.3

launch the Million Club: organisers

taution the mainth club or garmer's hope one million people will pay out 227 each to support the Games.
May 1: British Telecom gives 2500,000 in sponsorship. '91 Club schame for businesses tops penn no. 2500,000. June 4: Universiade GB Ltd. is

wound up; City Council now takes over running the Games. July 11: Ray Gridley, new director of Games administration, assures Games administration, assures Council it will be not be asked to pay more than £150 million towards

Games.
July 29: BSB agrees to be host broadcaster with seven hours of daily television coverage.
September 14: McVitie's athletics meeting successfuly opens Don Valley stadium. November 12: Fisu executive tours

DIARY OF EVENTS

WORLD CUP

Dec 8-9: Val d'Isère, France (men, DH, SG);
Altanmarkt, Austria (women, DH, SG).
Dec 11: Sestriere, Italy (men, SL)
Dec 14: Sestriere, Italy (men, SL)
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Dec 16: Madonna di Campiglio, Italy (men, SL)
Dec 21-22: Kranjska Gora, Yugoslavia (men, SL, GS); Morzine, France (women, DH, SL, C)
Jan 5-8: Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany (men, DH, SG); Bizzu Melleu, Austria (women, DH, SL, C)
Jan 8: Bergen, Germany (women, SL)
Jan 12-13: Kitzbühel, Austria (men, DH, SL, C);
Marifoor, Yugoslavia (women, SL, GS)
Jan 15-18: Meribel, France (women, DH, SG)
Jan 17-18: Meribel, France (women, DH, SG)
Jan 19-20: Wengen, Switzerland (men, DH, SL, C) WORLD CUP

Feb 8-9: Ptronten, Germany (women, DH, SG) Feb 8-10: Val d'Isère, Frence (men, DH, SG) Feb 10: Zwiesel, Germany (women, BS) Feb 23-24: Furano, Jepan (women, DH, SG) Mer 1-2: Lillehamer, Norway (men, SL, GS) Mer 2-3: Marioka, Japan (women, DH, SG) Mer 8-10: Aspen, Colorado (men, DH, SL, GS) Mar 8-11: Lake Louise, Canada (women, DH, SL, GS)

SL, GS) Mar 16-17: Leke Louise, Canada (men, DH, Mar 16-17: Leke Louise, Canada (men, DH, SG); Vail, Colorado (women, DH, GS) Mar 20-24: Waterville Valley, United States (men and women, SL, GS, PSL) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS Jan 21-Feb 3: Saelbach-Hinterglennn, Austria BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS Mar 9-16: Tignes, France Key: DH: Downhill, SL: Statom. GS: Giant statom. SG: Super G. PSL: Parallel statom. C: Combined.

Hooper and Lara step into the breach

IN LAHORE

WEST Indies have waited a long time to feel indebted to any of their younger batsmen; but it happened when the third Test match began here yesterday. Without Hooper's unbeaten 107 and Lara's 44 they would have fallen critically short of the 250 for eight which they had made when bad light stopped play an over or two early.

The West Indian elders — Greenidge, Haynes, Richard-son, Logie and Dujon — mustered only 49 runs between them on a predictably slow pitch. Richardson and Logie had some reason for feeling hard done by. Both were leg-before, aiming to hit through the on-side to balls which had every chance of missing the leg stump. But there was no doubt about

Greenidge's decision (leg-before for the fourth time in his five innings in the series), or Haynes's, to a catch at the wicket, nor Dujon's to a stump-ing when he overbalanced,

pushing forward to a ball that turned. What marred Pakistan's day was the dropping of Hooper, a straightforward chance to Salim Malik at first slip off Waqar-Hooper was 31 at the time and the ball could hardly have come more comfortably to Malik. The 76 runs which this has already cost Pakistan could count for a

a high-scoring match. But to give Hooper his due, he played effortlessly and elegantly. His 100 is only his second in 22 Tests and his first for 34 innings. For the fourth wicket, Hooper and Lara added 95 after coming together at 37 for three. Small and left-handed, Lara has a look more of Roy Fredericks than Alvin Kallicharran. Hooper's mellifluous style has been likened to the late and great Frank Worrell's. The trouble with him has been his record.

By taking numerous short singles that would not have occurred to others, Hooper and Lara got the score moving and built up their confidence. Lara is aged 21. Hooper 24, and if making to hook. Richardson

yesterday's is unlikely to be the largest partnership they share, it will be one of the more valuable. Although it had been thought that Miandad might report for duty, he did not do so. By replacing him with Aamer Malik and sending to Karachi for Masood Anwar, a young left-

arm spinner, and bringing back Ramiz Raja and Abdul Qadir, Pakistan made four changes from the side that lost in Faisalabad. For the three-match series they have used 16 players. Lara became what is a compar-ative rarity — a new West Indian cap. Of these there have been only 21 in the last ten years, compared with England's 60.

The toss was won by Haynes and the start delayed for 20 minutes because of the dew. Imran then surprised everyone by giving himself his first and only six overs of the series, in which he pitched the ball up at quite a lively pace, swung it occasionally and accounted for

There was the possibility hereabouts of a spectacularly short contest. But in the other 58 overs of the day West Indies made 213 for five. Wagar bowled well and unluckily for an hour after lunch; Qadir, though he was more expensive than the others, caused Hooper more trouble than anyone, beating him several times and all but bowling him when he was 99; Akram moved the ball most of all and deserved his three

But it was Hooper's day and all the better a one for West Indies for being so. Since making a century against India in only his second Test innings, when he was just 21, he has scored nowhere near as many runs as his talent should insure. Nothing has seemed to galvanise him. He came to the wicket yesterday with an average of 15 from his previous 24 Test innings. Yet in the Central Lancashire League he has bro-ken every sort of record, including, to quote him, one by "someone called Worrell".

swing of the bat, it may have signalled his "arrival". Upon reaching his hundred he forgot himself, and briefly waved his arms. Would that there were more who were equally uneven when they reach 50, exchange kissograms with their team colleagues.

pitch to drive Qadir over long-off for six, with a lovely, easy

team colleagues.

WEST RIDIES: First tinnings
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To L Haynes c Moin b Immen.
B E Richardson libe b Alvara.
B C Lars c Aamer b Cadir.
C L Hooper not cut.
†P J L Dujon st Moin b Mascood.
A L Logis libe b Wager.
D Marshall b Alvara.
G E L Ambrose live b Alvara. Total (B wkts) ...

Umpires: Khizer Heyat and Riszuddin.

YACHTING

From MALCOLM MCKEAG IN ST THOMAS, US VIRGIN ISLANDS

WITH one fleet race and the match-racing still to sail here in the final regatta of the Maxi World Championship, Bill Koch's brand-new Matador 2 has all but sewn up the overall title, while the older Longobarda (Italy) looks set to win this series.

Yesterday was rest day in the Moët and Chandon sponsored Virgin Islands leg of the three-leg series; in today's final fleet race, Longobarda has only to finish better than last.

knoth," according to Dennis Conner, who is skippering the French-owned Emeraude.

Despite the presence of Conner, Paul Cayard (skipper-ing Passage for Italy), John Bertrand (of the United States not the former America's Cup winner of the same name) and John Kolius, the result of any America's Cup-style match is felt to be a foregone conclusion.

Matador won more races, the Italians slumped.

The reason is not so much that Passage is slow but that Matador has such speed in hand that she can sail her main rivals for the overall world cham-pion's title out of the race, and then have time to climb back into the frame herself. MOET AND CHANDON MAXI GRAND

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EQUESTRIANISM

Matador too fast for good of series Broome declines Bordeaux chance

By JENNY MACARTHUR

MICHAEL Whitaker, the win-ner of the Renault Jump show jumping series last Sunday, has a chance of winning a second car in as many weeks when he and Henderson Monsanta comand Henderson Monsanta compete in the Bordeaux Volvo
World Cup qualifier on Sunday,
Robert Smith and Jue Turi
make up the British contingent
at the show, the fifth in the series
of 11 qualifiers. Unusually,
there is no Briton in the leading
ten of the European League for
the World Cup which has its
final in Sweden in April.
David Broome was invited to

injured an eye when his stable
"fell apart" at last year's show
and was unable to jump in the
grand prix. So far the compensation has not been paid, which
Broome last night said "influenced" his decision.
Smith, who will ride either
Silver Dust or the newly purchased, Vanessa, has his first
attempt this season to collect
points for the World Carp. "The

points for the World Cup. "The same riders get selected every time," he said yesterday. "It's not easy to get enough points to qualify when you can only compete at two qualifiers." He failed to get to the Amsterdam

international ranking list. In Britain's case this involved Michael and John Whitaker and Nick Skelton. The latter two compete at the Frankfurt show this weekend - releasing places for Smith and Turi. Broome was invited separately to Bordeaux.

Turi pins his hopes this weekend on the 15 hands high Waysider who was m superb form on the North American circuit last month where he achieved a double clear round in the Washington Nations Cup and finished seventh in the New York World Cup qualifier.

Under World Cup rules the shows are obliged to take any rider in the leading ten of the strong river in the strong r

RALLYING

Sabine to broaden horizons

From David Chappell IN PARIS

THE Paris to Dakar rally means different things to different men. To Jean-Marie Balestre, the president of the FIA, the world's governing body of mo-tor sport, it is the jewel in a future world championship of marathon rallies: to Gilbert Sabine, the event's organiser, it is a classic challenge to man and

Hardly had Balestre's words finished echoing around the library of the Automobile Club de France here yesterday than Sabine was announcing the route for the 1991 Paris-Tripoli-Dakar rally. It is one, he thinks, that will hand the event back to the amateur. the amateur.

Navigation and endurance are the key notes of a rally which will include five African countries, 5,000 miles of desert and four marathon two-day stages in the space of 16 days in the new year. By incompany the space of 16 days in the new year. By incorporating a majority of unknown tracks, Sabine has tried to lessen the advantages of the works' teams by forcing a compromise between speed and car preservation. The event is expected to be more competitive this year anyway. Citroen have taken up the French cudgels from Peugeot while Lada have emerged as a serious threat after success in the rally of the Pharaohs.

By beefing up the route, Sabine is responding to the lure of rival marathon rallies, such as the Paris-Moscow-Peking. But his appeal to the British sense of adventure and pioneering spirit

his appeal to the British sense or adventure and pioneering spirit has fallen on deaf ears; that entry can be counted on the fingers of one hand. Le Dokar has also suffered from a problem of image countries with strong of image; countries with strong environmental lobbies such as Germany have largely ignored it while the taint of fatalities among desert dwellers over the years has proved difficult to

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OLYMPIC GAMES

Council at

odds over

backing

Games bid

By JOHN GOODBODY THERE is a battle within the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR) on which city campaigning for the Olym-pic Games in the year 2000 it

On September 18, Peter

Lawson, the secretary of the CCPR, which represents the

hould support

Under-21 managers put it all down to good experience

THE search for positive as- the manager of Wales, I have his provisional squad because pects is never an easy one after been anxious to resurrect the of injury as one of the more an instantly forgettable game under-21 side simply because but the managers of England and Wales did find some cause for contentment after Wednesday night's under-21 we have, in place, the necimerostional at Prenton Park international at Prenton Park, essary infrastructure to be Lawrie McMenemy, of England, and Terry Yorath, of Wales, conceded that the ships. over-cautious approach of two inexperienced sides had contributed to a disappointing times and so did benefit. goalless draw but both were

Wales's second at this level since 1984 but despite the debatable quality, it still represented a milestone for Yorath who is anxious to restructure that you have the right struc-

the first meeting of the two

"As a player, I represented Wales at under-23 level many When I first gained an underdiplomatic enough to declare 23 cap I was in the Leeds countries at under-21 level in 11 years, a qualified success.

Wednesday's game was only

Wednesday's game was only United reserve side and it was

finding that at the moment but playing international football gives you hope. I certainly found it a help. It is important the principality's footballing ture at international level." McMenemy cited the with-Since I was appointed as drawal of several members of

salient factors behind a dis-

"We had ten new faces in the squad. Obviously, all games are better with goals but, it has to be said, both goalkeepers did perform well," he said. "The process of elimination is only achieved by playing people.

By WALTER GAMMIE

CHORLEY'S second-round trip to Shrewsbury tomorrow is compelling

evidence of the powers of the FA Cup to

heal wounds and end rumbling dis-

content at a club experiencing plummet-

Two years in the GM Vauxhall

Conference had started with high hopes,

an initial run of nine wins in ten

matches hoisting Chorley to the top of

the table before big crowds, and ended

in gloom, relegation by one point and crowds of 600, well below the break-

John McGovern, Brian Clough's

former first lieutenant on the pitch at

Derby County and Nottingham Forest,

was the manager. His response to

relegation was to release all the players

except four, two of whom, Phil Power

and Shaun Allen, were crippled by long-

Three weeks later, McGovern, bur-

dened by the demands of his work with

an airline-servicing company and dis-

illusioned with the problems of non-

Chorley turned to John Williams.

whose six-year reign at Runcorn

brought 12 trophies, including the

Alliance Premier League title in 1981-2

and a losing appearance in the FA

League management, resigned.

Football League headquarters in

As from next April the game's

most prestigious event, the Challenge Cup final at Wem-bley, will kick off at 2.30pm

astead of 3pm.
As David Howes, the public

affairs executive, put it tactfully:
"We shall be establishing a new traditional starting time." Tele-

vision, the showcase which re-cently made the Great Britain

Test series against the Austra-

lians required Saturday after-

noon viewing for sports

watchers, is the reason.

Howes said: "The Challenge

Cup final is an event watched by millions of people throughout the world. When we kick off at

three o'clock the end of the

match, and the post-match presentation, laps of honour,

interviews and scenes of rejoic-ing clash head-on with the

from rugby league supporters when the cameras have cut away

last three tournament meetings with Stephen Hendry by mar-gins of 6-1, 6-1 and 5-0 had

something to cheer about on Wednesday night when he met the world champion in a chall-

enge match in the southern Irish

town of Castleblaney and beat him 5-0 (Steve Acteson writes). Considering that Hendry had, only three days earlier, had his

football final scores.

even figure.

term injuries.

Platt rejects his own video By Chris Moore

DAVID Platt, Aston Villa's England international, last night stopped the release of a lucrative Christmas video because he was dissatisfied with its content.
The £9.99 video, titled David

Platt . . . Hero In The Making, contained no action from last summer's World Cup finals in which Platt scored three spectacular goals. "When people pay to watch me play football I always try to give them value for money" he give them value for

"If the public buy a product featuring my name I expect the same standards. In this instance I am unhappy with the video and will not permit it to be distributed under my name." Platt had insisted on a clause

in the contract which gave him content approval. "I realise that by taking this action, the video will miss the Christmas market which will personally cost me thousands of pounds. But the money is secondary to the

the Wolverhampton-based Video Sport, said: "There is a legal problem trying to obtain World Cup footage because it is held by another company who have gone into liquidation."

Jozef Venglos, the Villa man-ager, has denied reports from Poland that Roman Kosecki, the highly rated Legia Warsaw forward, is about to join Villa in

But Venglos would not deny "categorically" any interest in the Polish international. "Like any manager I am always in-terested in good players," he • The Manchester United mid-field player, Paul Ince, has withdrawn from the England B

because of a groin injury. The manager, Graham Taylor, has not named a replacement.

The Norwich City forward, Robert Fleck, is likely to be out of action for a month following

"Kevin has said that his in-

tentions are to give up the captaincy and this couldn't have

come at a worse time for us with

the game against Swansea. We will leave it until the weekend to

see him and to find out what's going on. We have known for

quite a while that he has been

"Things came to a head against Cardiff a fortnight ago

when the referee complained about his attitude. We want to

help him out but haven't seen

him yet. He is our main supplier

of line out ball and his loss will

be a big blow to us on the field and off it. There is a tremendous pride in the position and it isn't

given out lightly. But now we must look at what is the best for

the club. I've heard of troops running from a battle but never

poor start, won the second set, lost a 3-0 lead in the decider,

indoor champion, with a full

house that turned a 3-5 deficit

SEMI-FINALS: D J Bryant (Eng) bt A O Blair (Scot), 7-3, 7-2; T Allcock (Eng) b J Price (Wales), 1-7, 7-4, 7-5.

may be one of the most interest-

ing developments of the Olym-

Also beloing the players pre-

pare for an Olympic debut in 1992 is Morten Frost, of Den-

mark, the four-times former all-

into a 7-5 triumph.

discontented on the field.

Wolverhampton-based an exploratory operation on his

It is the fourth time he has undergone knee surgery in the space of 18 months, though the three other operations were all on his right leg.

The Scottish international who has not started a first team

match since October, hobbled off after only 17 minutes of a reserve game on Monday. • The Soviet international forward, Igor Gurinovich, may make his full league debut for Brighton at Newcastle tomorrow. Gurinovich, aged 30, is lined up to replace John Byrne,

who is likely to be out with damaged knee ligaments. Scarborough, of the Football League fourth division, have announced plans to launch grey-

squad to visit Algeria next week hound racing at their Seamer Road stadium next spring. They yesterday unveiled a project to set up a professional rugby league side in the town.

FACUP

Team builder: Ray Williams, the Chorley manager, flanked by Brian Ross (left) and Colin Jackson.

A hard road to Gay Meadow

An FA Cup run has lifted the gloom enveloping Chorley

Trophy final. Last season, Williams had taken Stafford Rangers to the Trophy semi-final before parting with the club in the close-season.

When Williams arrived in June, he found only two fit players: Brian Ross, a forward, and Colin Jackson, a sweeper. But his extensive contacts helped fill the gaps. His first task was to persuade back the experienced Paul Moss, a Chorley player for five years and sole survivor of their Cup win over Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1987-8, and Glen Keeley. Moss, aged 30, forms a willing attack with Ross, aged 23, whose all-action approach has attracted attention from

Williams signed Peter King from Marine to act as the midfield linchpin, knowing his quality from Stafford. "He's a good passer, a strong lad but lacks a bit of pace," Williams said. "He's like a lot of players who can do many things better than players in the Finding a goalkeeper proved a taxing problem until Williams signed Dave Ryan, who spent 13 years at Northwich Victoria, and had started the season trying to break into Macclesfield's side. Getting the team together was in itself a small triumph but Chorley's form in

the HFS Loans League has been patchy, starting with five draws and "too many matches lost 1-0" according to Tim Kelly, the chairman of nine months. In an area where the pull of nearby Blackburn, Preston, Bolton and Wigan draws away spectators and where

success is a paramount priority to sustain interest, particularly with memories of life in the Conference relatively fresh, Kelly had taken over a club where costs were spiralling and too little revenue was being generated. The first-round win over Bury,

courtesy of goals by Moss and John Aspinall, blew the clouds away. Kelly says, wryly, that he even came through last Sunday's shareholders' meeting largely unscathed. The club has also filled a long-standing vacancy for a sponsor, OBG Construction Ltd. from Manchester. "It would be icing on the cake if we got through at Gay Meadow. After a lot of hard times, to get something like this is really great," he

national governing bodies, joined with Sebastian Coe to state that London would be bidding for the Games. The announcement, on the day that Manchester failed to get the 1996 Games at the International Olympic session in Tokyo, upset the British Olym-pic Association (BOA), which saw the timing as hasty and Two days later, the executive agreed to co-operate with the London bid. However, there is

some resentment within the CCPR that Lawson had been seen to back London at the is expected to try again and so could Birmingham, which failed to secure the 1992 Games.

When asked whether the CCPR would co-operate with Manchester, Ron Emes, the chairman, said: "This is a question we will consider at the next executive meeting later this month. It would be quite fea-

sible for us to co-operate with other bids as well as London."

Meanwhile, Dick Palmer, the secretary of the BOA, said that he was drawing up a discussion paper to be considered at its meeting on December 19. He said: This will look at the process we will go through to receive the bids and how we evaluate them and the standards

we require of them."
Several London-based groups are now considering their bids for the Games and clearly need to unify their efforts. Coe's company, London Olympics 2000, has already had support from many important com-panies and also leading sportsmen such as Daley Thompson and Gary Lineker.

There are several members of the BOA who believe that it is pointless bidding again for the Games unless there is a genuine A prominent judge has been

appointed to head an independent commission that will in-vestigate published allegations that many leading East and West German performers regu-larly took performance-enhanc-

ing drugs.

Heinrich Reiter, the president of the federal social court, will head the special commission. German officials are to contact Sebastian Coe and the American hurdler, Edwin Moses, next week to see if one of them would join the commission.

ATHLETICS

Pascoe is

still up

with pace

By DAVID POWELL

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

JUST as he was when he was a

Alan Pascoe is busy these days setting personal bests. Yes-

terday, and for the fifth year in

succession, his company, Alan Pascoe Associates (APA), an-

nounced that it had improved on its previous year's effort in

finding money for British athletics.

In its role as the sport's marketing agent, APA said that

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RUGBY UNION

Pontypool want to contact Moseley

By Owen JENKINS captain meanwine.

The club greeted Mosekey's decision, which was conveyed to them in a letter with "sadness and regret". Ivor Taylor, the Pontypool team secretary said:

BOWLS

Bryant's revenge ends

Scotland's interest

By DAVID RHYS JONES

THE host country's interest in when the young Scot established

THE host country's interest in the CIS Scottish Masters ended a set lie on the fourth end.

Seldom can a game have been Seldom can a game have been

David Bryant, the world out-

door champion, beat Gus Blair, the holder, in the first semi-final Blair had put Bryant out of the event at the same stage last year, since when the English-

time, Bryant was in ungenerous then beat John Price, the world

BADMINTON

Gibson makes it a first

for Olympic squad

ANNE Gibson, the Scottish Cheryl Johnson, Bradbury's re-

No. 1, became the first non-English player in the British given by the coach, Lee Jae Bok,

pic squad.

PONTYPOOL are still trying to meet with Kevin Moseley, who has relinquished the captaincy of the club, to "clear the air". surprise to the club for which he has played for the last eight years. Moseky, won five caps in the second row for Wales, but his final appearance in a Welsh iersev saw him dismissed against France in January and banned from playing for 32

A knee injury delayed his return for Pontypool, who appointed him captain for the new Heineken leagues. Pontypool have made a mixed start and are lying fifth with four wins and four defeats. It's believed that he was never really happy with the captaincy and Moseley is said to be contemplating his future with the game. It seems a straight choice between another club or

Pontypool travel to Swansea must look at the club. I'v running from the flanker, has been appointed given out in given out

at Coatbridge yesterday, when

man has endured a lean spell in

singles competition, but this

mood and allowed Blair only

Three of them took Blair into

a 3-0 lead in the first set, but Bryant was stung into action

Olympic squad when she was added to the group yesterday by

Steve Baddeley, the manager

Baddeley, who also became

and development in Scotland

three months ago, has included

Gibson among four additions

Partly because of two outstand-

ing performances recently in which he almost beat Eline

Coene, the world quarter final-

Pohring and Dave Wright, the

best England men's doubles

Dair, and Julie Bradbury, aged

les at the Welsh open on

nday - in partnership with 12 days ago.

The other additions are Nick

th, from The Netherlands.

mional director of coaching

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

to rule in London

ON A foggy, cold day at Wembley, the World League of American Football announced that its London franchise would be known as the Monarchs. It also produced a consortium, headed by Bob Payton, the hotel will operate the team.

The first game for the Mon-archs will be at Wembley Sta-dium on Sunday, March 31, probably against the New York side. The full WLAF schedule is expected next week.

Also in the group is Jon Smith, chairman of the First Artist Corporation, which in-cludes the English football and cricket teams, as well as Brit-ain's own American football league, the NDMA, among its

Payton was reluctant to put a figure on how much the con-sortium had paid for its share of the franchise. He said that the National Football League (NFL) has "at least \$2 million commit-ted" to London. Given that Mike Lynn, the president of the WLAF, has said that each franchise will cost \$11 million, the investment must be

In the next three months, the consortium will be searching for sponsors and working on filling the stadium. Payton was keen that the ticket prices be kept low, with the emphasis on portraying the game as a family

Monarchs

BY KICHARD WETHERELL

Payton, who has lived in London for 17 years, said the NFL was "more interested to make sure the franchise got off the ground and was run by local people" than the cost.

End of a cup final tradition By Keith Macklin

RUGBY LEAGUE

television to capture the closing ceremony and to convey the atmosphere at Wembley in a er to suit the occas

Thus ends a war of protest which began in the Fifties and Sixties, when many club ofsixtes, waved indignant at the way the late Eddie Waring and his BBC mentors allegedly manipulated clubs, and fiddled with the schedules. Above all, it was alleged that attendances were being hit so badly by live television that the game might go out of existence altogether.

The scene has changed dramatically since those early controversial flirtations with television. Five terrestrial and satellite companies now present the game to live audiences giving the game an infinitely higher profile and making the game awash with sponsorship.
All clubs share in this bonanza, with the ground development fund a significant beneficiary. ● Leigh, the troubled second

"There have been protests division club, were a step nearer dissolution last night over their contractual problems with from Wembley in mid-cere-mony to capture the end of a

SNOOKER

A boost for Hallett's confidence

MIKE Hallett, who had lost his perve ends shredded while me some good. I'd become last three tournament meetings defeating Steve Davis 16-15 in absolutely fed up with losing to with Stephen Hendry by marthe StormSeal United Kingdom him."

relaxed mood. Yet that minor Irish event has

not get carried away," he said.

"It was not exactly the world championship final but it did

championship final, he could have been excused for being in a turned to the £250,000 Coalite

been a boost for the morale of Hallett, the world No. 9. "Let's eight.

THE long-running rear guard action against the encroachment of television effectively ended yesterday with a remarkable approximate form. Bushw the contracts to entry of time for those on five-figure contracts, to accept a staggered payments system, in some cases with the balances at the end of the

> protested, and insisted on regular match and contractual payments despite the club's plea that the money is not there to pay them. Last night the chair-man of the Rugby Football League, Bob Ashby was invited to Hilton Park by the club chairman, Keith Bell, to explain to the players their position under the game's bye-laws. The irony of the situation is

> that the team is regarded as one of the brighter prospects for promotion this season. However, gates have been below average despite the club's successes on the field, and Leigh have continued to lose money

One of the big problems is that certain players who were signed under a previous board of directors have lucrative con-tracts which the club can no longer afford.

World Matchplay, in which he meets Gary Wilkinson today in

RESULTS: First round: D Reynolds (Eng) leads N Foulds (Eng), 7-1; M Clark (Eng) leads D Mountjoy (Walos), 7-1.

YACHTING

Admiral's Cup plan is revealed

TRIALS for next year's British

Admiral's Cup team, which is open to UK citizens and foreign nationals residing in Britain, will involve a series of inshore races and two offshore events, the Royal Ocean Racing Club nnounced yesterday.

The British offshore sailing

squad, led by the former Olym-pic gold medal winner, Iain Macdonald Smith, will en-compass the Spi-Quest regatta at La Trinite, France, in March, the 200-mile Cervantes Trophy and Myth of Malham races in the Channel, together with a weekend of inshore racing in Christchurch Bay in May. The 50-footers and two-tonners are then expected to compete in seperate international regattas at Travemunde and Kiel, leav ing the one-tonners to contest a final weekend of inshore races As John Martin opened up a one-and-a-half-day lead on the second stage of the BOC Challworld race, the American, Hal Roth, threw in the towel

Hal Roth, threw in the towel yesterday after experiencing a catalogue of problems aboard his Class 2 yacht, Sebago.

LEADRING POSITIONS (at 9.25 GMT yesterday with niles to Sydney): Class 1: 1, Alfied Bank (J Martin, SA), 3.277 miles; 2, innkeeper (D Adams, Aus), 3.575; 3, Generali Concordi (A Geutter, Fr), 3.588; 6, Groupe Scate (C Auguin, Fr), 3.598; 5, Credit Agricole (P Jeannet, Fr), 3.748; 8, Jarken (K Bersee, Aus), 3.791; 7, Durnacil (M Plart, US), 3.817; 8, Ecureui PC (I Autissier, Fr), 3.892; 10, Grinster (B Reed, SA), 3.976; Class 2: 1, Sevent (Y Dupasquier, Fr), 3.992; 2, New Spirit of Ipswind (D Micinayrs, Aus), 4.218; 4, Project City Kids (J Boye, US), 4.258; 5, Koden (Y Tade, Jepen), 4.386; Constitute classe: 1, Volcano (P Tackaberry, US), 4.301; 2, Global Exposure (R Davin, GB), 4.20; 3, Nilhau (R Hooks, US), 4.513; 4, Shutandohiji (M Salto, Japan), 4.588.

IN BRIEF

Langer in

command

BERNHARD Langer, of Ger-many, leads the Million Dollar

Challenge golf tournament at Sun City with a first round

The defending champion,

David Frost, of South Africa, is

three-under-par 69.

second on 71.

December 15.

sponsorship income for 1990 had risen by 30 per cent to a record £3.5 million. The improvement, of almost £1 million, is significant. It approximates to the surplus which the Amateur Athletic nounce at its annual meeting Four years ago, the AAA was facing bankruptcy but now, for the second successive year, it

has made a £1 million surplus. As John Perera, the APA direc-tor, said: "The improved turn-round in finances is down to a number of things but, if you surplus is almost directly repre-sented by the increase in sponsorship income." Tony Ward, the AAA spokes-man, said: "We attribute our

success in a very large part to the great job APA has done for us." "The other important point is

the interest and strength of the television audience. They provide an attractive balance to companies because it is not male-orientated. The women's audience, in particular, is attrac-

The prospects are good for another Pascoe PB next year: all six main sponsors have deals through 1991.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (MEAL: Boston Celtics 148, Conver Maggets 140; Inclines Pacers 126, Phoenis Suns 121; Portland Trail Stepars 118, Cristoto Magic 110; Atlanta Hawles 110, San Antonio Supus 108; Mayas-toe Bucks 113, Cleveland Cavaliers 109 (CT); Utah Jazz 108, Detroit Platons 85; Wattington Bucks 104, Gottee State Warriors 85; Los Angelee Cippers 93, Delita Mevencias 89. 89.
ELIROPEAN CHAMPIONENTP: Soul-fisale, second log: Group A: Romania 88, Sweden 95; Group 612, Bulgaria 79, Group 61 Poland 89, Belgium 72; Italy 128, Netherlands 78, Group C: Yughotiovia 65, Spain 82, Group D: Israel 83, Caschoslovakia 82.

BOWLS COUNTY MATCHES: Berishire 181, Subsect 98; Hertigrishire 186, Mortolt 185; Bedford-shire 151, Eastern Countins 178; Lekester-shire 198, Carstyridgeshire 142; BOXING

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England champion, who will provide practise sessions at his adopted home club, Wimble-don. He should be of special FOOTBALL BRAZILIAN CHANPIONSHIP: Somi-Soul, Brat log: 560 Paulo 2, Granic G. value to the men's single players who have been retained from the original squad, Darren Hail, United-27 Introductional Bartist England Q, White B.
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OVENDEN PAPERS COMMITTON: Brighton 1, Arsenal 3.
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tree 3.
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BRITISH COAL YOUTH LEAGUE: Feeth-erstone Rosers 16, West Hull 0. REGAL TROPHY: Doncester 19, Trefford

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ENGLISH cricket launched an exciting new era yesterday when Durham became the first newcomers to be admitted to the county champ-ionship for 70 years. The Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) agreed unanimously that Durham, a consistent force in the Minor Counties game, should have first-class status in 1992. Durham's promotion will boost interest everywhere they play and, in a broader context, provide a stimulus for community and business life in the northeast.

"There was very great enthusiasm among the mem-bers of the board for Durham to come in," Alan Smith, the TCCB chief executive, said.
"We are all greatly excited at a new member after such a long gap." Glamorgan, in 1921, were the last county to be elevated to first-class status. Since then the only applicants were Devon, who made a tentative approach just after the second world war.

Durham's promotion, which will date from next

February 1, remains subject to three conditions, which are not expected to be a stumbling block. But by then they must satisfy the board that they have secured the necessary planning permission and ini-tial funding for the establishment of their scheduled new headquarters ground at Chester-le-Street by 1995.

By the same date they must also have taken steps to appoint a chief executive to organise their entry into the first-class game. Similarly, they must find a head groundsman to take charge of preparing the half-dozen outgrounds they intend to use in addition to their proposed new stadium. Both these jobs will shortly be advertised and are unlikely to present any

The present position concerning the headquarters ground is a little less clear-cut. At the moment final plans on the new development are being held up because the £9 million leisure complex scheme, of which the new cricket stadium is the hub, have gone to the environ-mental ministry for final approval. After large-scale protests from conservation groups before the original plans were scaled down, the ministry has to decide Decessary.

Normally, the ministry decides inside 21 days but only this week Chester-le-Street district council heard that the environmental department had invoked a little-known planning rule to extend the time before a decision was announced. Don Robson, the Durham County Council chairman and a Durham cricket committee member. told a press conference at Lord's that the development departed from the basic structure scheme for the area. But as the county council and the

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Geoff Cook, Durham's director of cricket, Arthur Austin, club chairman, and Don Robson, council chairman and cricket committee member, celebrate

district council, who own the land, back the proposals, it would be unusual if the ministry did not approve the TCCB demands Mr Smith said the TCCB would not quibble if the new

Cricket Board for their entry

ground was delayed a year until 1996. "This new ground was central to Durham's DURHAM'S cricket comwhole application and to me mittee will meet a week tonight to appoint a chief and many others was particularly exciting. Most of our executive who will oversee the cricket grounds in this country introduction of first-class cricket to the North-east, one are a 100 or more years old and to think of a new ground of the three conditions laid being created specially for the down by the Test and County

21st century will be a wonder-

ful achievement. into the county championship Mr Smith said Durham in 1992. The meeting at Chester-lewould attend the next meeting Street, near the site of the of the board in March as proposed purpose-built sta-dium which is to be the observers; would become a full voting member from next county's home by 1995, will October, and would qualify to benefit financially from the also discuss changes among board's central fund from January 1, 1992. Durham's meet the demands of the admission would not change time cricket.

the county championship's Their main concern reexisting structure. With 18 teams involved, it would continue with the present programme of 16 permission for their multithree-day and six four-day million pound development, games, with the proviso that which has been opposed by a the one county not played section of local residents, be against in three-day fixtures established by February 1 next would have to be met in at

Having been passed by least one four-day match. The Benson and Hedges Chester-le-Street district Cup would be enlarged to 21 teams to accommodate Durcouncil the proposals have gone forward to the Depart"The whole thing ham, with one of the groups in ment of Environment for approval and a reply is exthe early stages, comprising six teams and the others pected next week. having five, as at present. "This is truly an historic

By a Special Correspondent



also discuss changes among day for Durham county the club's own hierarchy to cricket club," Ian Caller, the president, said. "We have had switch from part-time to full- some wonderful moments in our history, winning the Minor Counties championship mains the TCCB's stipulation nine times and enjoying two glorious victories in the NatWest competition, over Yorkshire and Derbyshire, but don't think anyone connected with Durham, past or present, has seen an occasion

> like this. "The TCCB has recognised the wonderful passion there is

"The whole thing is a wonderful boost for the north east. We have scaled Everest, and the view from the top is

Swift response to Counties decide to stay under covers

By RICHARD STREETON

THERE was little support for moves by four counties for pitches to be left uncovered throughout county championship matches next summer business empowered to take bearings. at yesterday's Test and beamers

County Cricket board meeting

Over-rate fines in county champ County Cricket board meeting at Lord's. Derbyshire, Kent, Northamptonshire and Yorkshire proposed the change, which was heavily rejected by the other 15 delegates. Alan Smith, the chief exec-

utive of the board, said the proposal failed to gain the ers on protected surfaces had won the day.

keeping with the proposed code of conduct that the International Cricket Council directive covers all aspects of tion for an unsatisfactory behaviour on the field and pitch will be retained. also applies the same requirement, not to prejudice crick- age to the England team in et's good name, on county Australia expressing best committee men and officials

As for "beamers", as fast, regulation which will give an fight back.

Main decisions

lonship again to be shared equal rictub and players. Mini

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25-point penalty for unacceptable priches retained

Proposal for uncovered pitches in county cricket rejected

umpire the right to order a backing of its England and bowler's immediate removal cricket committees, and that from the attack for the rest of the arguments that other an innings if he feels such a countries produce good play- delivery has been deliberate.

The board has also agreed to a return to the 1989 require-A new directive on disci-ment of of an over-rate of 181/2 pline has been agreed in per hour. Fines for failure to achieve it will be shared between county and players, rather than the cricketers havis planning to introduce for ing to pay the full sum. The 25 Test cricket. The board's championship point deduc-

The board has sent a messwishes for the coming weeks, leading up to the second and head-high, full tosses are third Test matches, and conknown, the board has agreed a fidence in the team's ability to

Newcastle feud is brought to an amicable end

yesterday in the three-year continued over thre traumatic power struggle that has di-years is at an end. Those years vided Newcastle United and have been very costly to the split opinion on Tyneside. It club, but I believe Newcastle ended with neither of the two United are stronger now."

of the rebel Magpie Group, £500,000. He will also spend yesterday resigned from the £90,000 over three years to board after telling directors he help Newcastle's Centre of could not devote enough time Excellence for promising to club affairs. His decision young players. came three days after the failure of the £8 million share George Forbes, who said: "We issue which was the main see it as a generous gesture and demand of Hall and his

McKeag, a solicitor, aged chairmanship after being bit-terly criticised by the Magpie Group. But he remains on the struggle. Forbes said: "I pay Hall's son, Douglas, aged 32. Control remains in the

hands of McKeag's support- face of a fierce personal press ers, but he insisted last night: "I don't think it's a question of winning or losing. I'm persuaded it is in the best interests of the club that I not looking back, I'm looking should tender my resignation. forward. Changes have occ-I feel a little sad that, having urred and now we need a been through nearly three period of stability, years of difficult times, I The new chair

PEACE was finally declared the public, the dispute that has

central figures, Gordon Hall, who spent £3.2 million McKeag and John Hall, in on buying a 38 per cent stake control at the second division in the club as the rebels tried to win control, has now given Hall, the millionaire leader United an interest free loan of

an expression of support."

orters.

The new chairman also ckeag, a solicitor, aged praised McKeag, who was the relinquished the target for an inense hate board, which also includes tribute to his contribution to the club and his integrity, honesty and courage in the

campaign."
Forbes, a wealthy auctioneer and livestock valuer in Northumberland, added: "I'm

The new chairman's first should be relinquishing the chair at a time when I hope we'll be entering better times.

"Hopefully in the eyes of million.

Games likely to lose at least £5m

By JOHN GOODBODY

would be acting as host broad-million it thought it might caster for the 1991 World have to pay a private company Student Games in Sheffield, to be host broadcaster. Withthere were fears that the games would lose more money than there was little chance of big any event in the history of British sport.

Sheffield City Council, which is underwriting the cost. will have to cut services to its poll tax residents to meet the bill for holding the event. which will attract 6.000 competitors from more than 120 countries.

Even the agreement with Sky, which will allow pictures to be beamed around the world, does not alter the fact that the games are likely to face a deficit of at least £5

With the merger of the two companies last month, Sky inherited a deal with BSB to be

the host broadcaster and will

As British Sky Broadcasting honour the commitment, sav-yesterday confirmed that it ing the organisers the £2 out worldwide television, sponsorship.

However, whereas BSB was committed to showing seven hours daily of the games on television in Britain, it has yet to be decided how many hours Sky will screen to its far greater number of subscribers. The schedule of the games events had been altered to sui BSB's timings and have to be moved again to accommodate

David Hill, the head of BSkyB, said: "In 1991, the games will be by far the most important multi-sports event in the world. BSkyB is proud to be involved serving & rapidly growing audience here and hundreds of millions of viewers around the world."

Lotus find formula to start again

THE future of the Lotus Formula One team, which has been in the balance for several weeks following an unsuccessful 1990 season, is expected to be confirmed today with the announcement of a new management structure, new financing and a new Juddpowered car (John Blunsden writes).

The former employees. Peter Collins and Peter Wright, who have been contracted to seek new sponsorship in place of the tobacco company R. J. Reynolds, have apparently secured funds to assure a Lotus presence on the starting grid for the 1991 Season.

Team Lotus is still owned by the family of the team's founder, the late Colin Chapman, and although they had indicated a willingness to sell, subject to certain conditions, it is likely that they will retain

Backley scoops top award

STEVE Backley, the former Kent 400 metres medal-winner who grew too big to be a runner, was named last night as the world's top male athlete of 1990 (David Powell writes). Backley, aged 21, left Leroy Burrell, the American sprinter, in second place and Salvatore Antibo, the European 5,000 and 10,000 metres champion, third in an International Amateur Athletic Federation poll.

Backley hardly put a javelin wrong all year. He won the Commonwealth title in January, set a world record, lost it, regained it in London in July, then won a gold medal

The women's poll was dominated by sprinters. Merlene Ottey, of Jamaica. finished ahead of Katrin Krabbe, the German doublesprint champion. Rosa Mota, who won a third successive European marathon title, was

Atherton pushed out in the cold

From ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

PERTH MICHAEL Atherton spent yesterday morning wondering if he was about to be installed

as the latest England captain and yesterday evening digesting the fact that he was not even in the team. Atherton has paid a high price for his ponderous in-

nings during England's World Series Cup defeat by New Zealand last Saturday. When the squad of 12 was named for today's day-night game against the same opposition, the Lancastrian was the one fit player not included. David Gower and Eddie Hemmines were both ruled

out by injury and an entirely

new opening pair of Larkins

and John Morris was chosen,

while the Middlesex left-arm

spin bowler. Phil Tufnell.

prepared to make his inter- grafter and ending up as the air, and England have national debut. Atherton became a cap-

taincy candidate when, with Gooch and Gower already out, Allan Lamb's fibrositis continued to trouble him. When Lamb, who did not bat in the nets yesterday, decided that he should play, although patently below his best, the selectors had other ideas for Atherton. A man who has regularly played the important anchor role in overs cricket to perfection for his county was dropped to make way for a thoroughly out-of-form

Since making 95 against the Australian XI at Hobart, Alec Stewart's scores on tour have been 4, 6, 12, 11 and 0 and he seems back in that fatefully

neither. Micky Stewart, the team

manager, was critical of Atherton after the match in Adelaide last week, when he batted 26 overs for 33. Last night, explaining the decision to omit him, Stewart said: "Michael is not on the best of terms with his batting at the moment and with the tempo we are looking for in this game, we don't want him to force things outside his normal game.

John Morris unarguably deserves to play but to promote which might well benefit from him to open alongside a very similar style of player, in Larkins, is a desperate measure. Stewart makes much of the rule here, by which only two fielders are permitted outside the circle for the first 15 overs. This encourages the whether he is a shotmaker or a batsmen who hit the ball in

chosen two, which at least promises entertainment for the crowd at the WACA

At last night's team meeting, Stewart and Graham Gooch also spent time impressing on the players the importance of being much more purposeful in the field in order to complete the prescribed 50 overs. Tufnell's likely inclusion

would certainly help the overrate. It would also add a colourful character to a side the spark of something different.

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A racing certainty that raises scientific doubts

AS THE racing world comes to terms with the Aga Khan's decision to withdraw from British racing. after a decision to disqualify his race horse Aliysa from winning the 1989 Oaks, a leading independent academic expert yesterday expressed dismay at the drugs testing policy of

The equine scientist declined to be named because of the sensitivity of the case but his views may reflect those of many of Britain's animal scientists independent of either the Jockey Club or the Aga Khan. He said the club's tendency to disqualify horses with any apparently unnatural substance in their bodies, no matter how small, had become highly questionable, especially when doubts can be raised about the source of the substance and its effect

The Jockey Club's decision to

disqualify the 1989 Oaks winner

the Horse Racing Forensic Laboratory (HRFL) at Newmarket which found traces of of 3hydroxycamphor (3-HC). No urine tests exists for camphor but 3-HC is a metabolite or by-product of the

An independent scientist says the

Jockey Club should think again,

NICK NUTTALL, technology cor-

respondent, reports

substance, which is prohibited. Almost nothing is known about the effects of camphor on a horse and the little evidence that does exist indicates its effects are neutral or deleterious, causing intestinal upset, rather than enhancing

Furthermore, the Aga Khan's team of researchers, could prove that 3-HC is also a metabolite of borneol, a naturally occuring suband besuf besuf the Veneral Passes States of the leading horse Lannegan, rider in the leading len of the series 2000 fines (1256.06) 8760001 w/day. States Vol. 176.00 one. | Table 1775. 1888. United to 176.00 one 1775. 1888. 1878. 1888. United to 176.00 one 1775. 1888. 1878. 1888. United to 1775. 1888. 1878. 1888. United to 1775. 1888. 1878. 1878. 1888. United to 1775. 1888. 1878.

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Until the HRFL's test can determine if the source of the 3-HC is camphor or borneol, disqualifications based on positive tests would seem at the very least illogical, said the scientist.

"Clearly the Aga Khan case highlights that 3-HC is coming from something and, almost without a doubt, a purely accidental contami-nant, whether it is woodchips, carrots or anywhere else," he said. "Having shown that it can come from anywhere else there is then an

element of doubt and any reasonable court, rather than a Jockey Club kangaroo court, would have found in favour of the trainer and the owner," he said. The Jockey Club's list of prohibited substances is endless and all-

embracing. Some substances which

naturally occur in an animal's body,

normal or artifically high amounts. "Everything else, including 3-HC, is black and white. They do not care if they find a trace or a bucketful," said the expert.

He said that more studies were needed to identify the levels and types of drugs that can influence a horse's performance.

tested for the levels present in order

to determine if the urine contains

Camphor has simply become a prohibited drug because one of its break-down chemicals has been

found as part of the HRFL's remit to find serious substances. He believes the time has come for a panel of independent researchers to mediate between the Jockey Club and the forensic laboratory service and trainers and owners to help

decide if urine test chemicals are

important at the levels found. He said: "The Jockey Club is very

sensitive about being told what to do but this would seem the correct way forward."

teacher.

It has become imperative, he added, that the club should devise 2 shorter, more realistic list of prohibited chemicals, similiar to the International Olympic Committee's

If you went into a rugby footbal club's changing rooms, you would probaly smell linament which conatains camphor whereas the days you cannot give a horse a part

of Guinness," said the scientist His views were echoed by Jim Bridges, professor toxicology at the Robens Institute, Surrey University. I would certainly agree there is a need for a review of the proceedures because the list is incredibly long and does not seem to have any logic in terms of its pharmacological action," he said

